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## FOUR-WHEEL BEACH ACTION

The action was fast and furious on Margate beach at the weekend.

The rumble and roar of the engines could be heard in the centre of town as more than a hundred riders competed at the Quad Racing Association's Big Sky Beach Cross 2008 racing.

It was the second time the event had been held on Margate's main sands and thousands turned out in force to enjoy the fun.

Organisers have hailed the action as a huge success and plans are now afoot to bring the racing back to the beach in the winter for longer-course, enduro racing.

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE isle's famous arcades could be driven to the wall due to the recently introduced Gambling Act, it is feared.

Isle MPs are fighting the corner for the businesses, and one has called for an adjournment debate in the House of Commons to try to halt the slide of the arcades, which are so important to Thanet's tourist industry.

Thanet South MP Dr Steve Ladyman believes the Act – brought in last year – has unwittingly contributed to the crisis facing seaside arcades, some of which, it is claimed, could be out of business in six months.

Dr Ladyman says the companies which make the machines are also under threat as demand for their products falls away.

He said: "What has happened is that the arcades used to in many cases have two parts – an adult gaming centre and a family entertainment centre. The adult centre offered a £2 stake with the possibility of winning £500.

"It was a fun offering enjoyed by people, and revenue would subsidise the family centre.

"But under the gaming act this has been removed and the alternative is a bookmakers, where a £100 gamble would give the chance of a £500 prize – albeit with more chance of winning.

"Now the arcades just cannot compete as customers have deserted them in favour of the bookies.

"Revenue is down by around one quarter. Also there is a company called Harry Levy Amusement who produce these machines locally and they would normally be employing around 75 people. But the current figure is around 50 as demand falls off."

Under the legislation, Government ministers can amend the Act without it having to go all the

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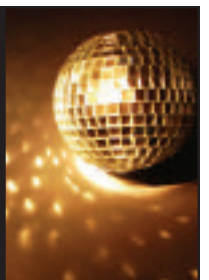


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# The son who did so much but said so little about it

■ BY TOM BETTS

A DEVOTED father has told of his sadness after learning about many of his late son's achievements that he never knew about.

It wasn't until the funeral tributes that Birchington's Bernard La Roche learnt of his son Andre's true sporting prowess among a range of other revelations.

In an article for a book he is putting together, Bernard laments the passing of his son Andre, who died in November last year aged just 41.

The popular father of Kaya and partner of Katrina lived in St Peter's but collapsed and died while with his brother Raphael in Norfolk training for a sporting event.

Sadly, he died before he could even be taken to hospital and a post-mortem examination revealed atherosclerosis, a blood vessel disease involving hardening of the arteries, as the cause of death.

## Heartbroken

Bernard learnt of his son's death the following day when his stepson Danny broke the news to him and was naturally heartbroken.

However, such was his son's modest nature that he had never mentioned many of his achievements to his dad, according to Bernard's article, Why Didn't You Tell Us, Andre?, which he has just completed.

Among his son's achievements was a placing in the British Mountain Boarding Championships, as well as the scooping of many taekwondo trophies.

Andre was also an integral part of the local martial arts scene with the taekwondo club in Westgate-on-Sea and a black belt.

Bernard said: "Andre achieved more in a few years than most do in a normal lifetime.

"He had an indomitable spirit. "If there had been a category at the world championships for perseverance he would have won the gold medal."

Andre's funeral at St Peter's



**MOURNING:** Bernard La Roche holds a picture of his son, about whom he has written an article since his tragic passing

Church attracted hundreds of mourners.

Among them was a man from Scotland whose life Andre had saved after he fell into a river at a mountain boarding competition... another revelation to Bernard.

He added: "I never had a clue about that - it was another thing that was news to me!

"Andre really lived his life to the full. He burnt the candle at both ends and in the middle. We are all going to miss him dearly."

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**NEWS** IN BRIEF

## Murder suspect held in custody

A MAN has been arrested on suspicion of murder.

The 27-year-old is in custody after the death of a man in Cliftonville on Sunday morning.

Police officers were called to 282 Northdown Road, where a 26-year-old man was pronounced dead at the scene at about 12.45am.

The suspect was due to be interviewed by detectives on Monday afternoon. It is believed he was known to the deceased, whose identity has yet to be released. A post-mortem examination was also due to be held on Monday.

## Community takes issue with litter

THE Beacon Road and St Peter's Partners and Communities Together meeting will be held this week.

The meeting takes place at the Canterbury Christ Church University campus in Northwood Road at 7pm tomorrow (Thursday).

Some of the topics to be addressed are graffiti, litter, road safety and dog fouling. For more information, phone Laura on 07772226138 or Brian on 07772225971.

## Driver reverses into shop front

A DRIVER caused £1,000 damage when he drove into a shop.

Police were called to the Allenby Late Shop in Allenby Road, Ramsgate, at about 2.30am on Monday.

A dark blue Transit van had smashed the shop frontage after being reversed into the store.

Anyone with information is asked to phone Det Sgt Mark Dennis on 01843 231055.

## School head wins praise from top

A HEADTEACHER from the isle has been singled out for praise by a top Ofsted inspector.

Paul Luxmore, the head at Dane Court Grammar School in Broadstairs, has been hailed for his work in guiding the school to an 'outstanding' grade for the first time.

He said: "I'm delighted and proud, but this has been a huge team effort."

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# Cards are on the table for new casino

## Venue not just for the high-rollers

THE doors to the isle's latest leisure attraction will be thrown open tomorrow night (Thursday).

The G Casio at Westwood Cross heralds a new era in leisure for Thanet, and a grand launch night is intended to announce its arrival with a bang.

The chips and cards will finally fly when the public are invited along to see the 20,000 sq ft venue in all its glory on Thursday night from 7pm.

And bosses are insisting that the emphasis is as much on a great night out as on high-stakes gambling.

Venue director Peter Donnelly, who also runs the Grovesnor Casino in Ramsgate, said: "This is a great option for what we consider to be a significant gap in the market in Kent."

"We have regular low-stakes tables and learn-to-play sessions, so whether you have never been to a

■ BY TOM BETTS

casino before or are a big player, there is something for everyone.

"You really can come and just spend a relatively small amount of money and have a great night out."

A hundred new staff, including 40 gaming personnel and 60 others, are now ready to go.

Most of them have been recruited from the isle and have been busy over recent weeks making the preparations for the opening night.

The £5 million casino hosts a dedicated poker room, 20 slot machines and 12 gaming tables for games such as roulette, three-card stud and blackjack.

The gaming area is complemented by a plush bar and restaurant, while there are plans to bring live music and entertainment to the floors.

Mr Donnelly added: "We are

delighted to be able to bring a whole new entertainment experience to Thanet. We are now looking forward to welcoming everyone down to enjoy the ultimate night out."

To celebrate the launch, a new cocktail, The Thanet Slam-It, has been introduced to the bar's cocktail menu.

It's a mixture of blue Curacao, gin, rosewater, apple juice, mint leaves and ice.

The drink was masterminded by Lewis Speedlove, regional mixology champion, and is intended to represent the Thanet coast.

Peter said: "We're proud to be giving Thanet its very own cocktail to rival the leagues of cocktails named after big cities."

"The Thanet-Slam-It has been carefully crafted to really combine a taste of Thanet and, most importantly, it tastes delicious!"

• You can see how to make the Thanet Slam-It at [Yourkenttv.co.uk](http://Yourkenttv.co.uk)



## THOUSANDS TURN OUT TO WATCH QUADS

Margate's main sands hosted the wheels of quad bikes at the weekend.

The 2008 QRA Big Sky Beach Cross came to town for two days with thousands of fun-seekers watching from the safety of the promenade as the four-wheeled machines and motocross bikes zoomed across the beach.

Race organiser Tony Nash said: "It was an excellent weekend's racing. We received a warm welcome as always in Margate, so a big thank-you to all who came along to help and support the event."

"The motorbikes found it difficult, but the quads coped brilliantly in the conditions and people seemed to be impressed by what they saw."

About a hundred riders took part in the races over the two days and the event has proved successful enough for organisers Margate Town Partnership and Thanet council to vow to bring the event back in November.

• You can watch footage of the action at [Yourkenttv.com](http://Yourkenttv.com).

## Fatal collision

A WOMAN has died after a collision in Nethercourt Hill, Ramsgate.

Two pedestrians were hit by a car that had been pushed into them when a Royal Mail van hit three parked cars on the A253 at about 5.30pm on Friday night.

Despite efforts to save her, the woman, a 64-year-old from Ramsgate, was killed. The other woman, a 43-year-old, has been released from hospital.

The driver of the van, a 57-year-old man, was arrested and has been released on bail.

If you saw the incident, please call police on 01622 798538.

## At last, the future is looking brighter for historic building

THANET council has approved plans to restore a historical building forming part of Ramsgate's Granville Marina - thought to be the world's first private beach resort.

It is intended that No 1 Granville Marina will be renovated to its former glory.

The owner of the building was served a notice to bring the Grade II-listed building up to standard in August 2007, but work did not start until January this year.

As a result, the council said it would carry out the work and charge the owner, but he started work on the day that contractors turned up.

Soon after, however, there were complaints that cracks had appeared in the side of the building and the site was declared unsafe by surveyors.

Partial demolition was carried out under council supervision to make the building safe again, with fittings kept and given to the owner after photographs were taken of them.

Cllr Sandy Ezekiel, leader of Thanet council, said: "This prominent and historical building plays an important part in Ramsgate's rich heritage."

"With more than 900 listed buildings, Ramsgate is a place steeped in history and this is why we had to take this action to preserve 1 Granville Marina."

"The planning committee took the decision to serve a repairs notice and I have also met the owners to discuss what will happen next."

"We want to ensure that this building is kept for future generations to enjoy and, despite the fact that part of it has had to be demolished to make it safe, I believe it will be restored to its original condition by the owner."

The building is more commonly known as the former Marina Restaurant but was originally built as a photographic studio by John Thomas Wimperis, a favoured architect of the first Duke of Westminster.

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## Heat is on to find best young chef in country

THANET COLLEGE has launched a search for the nation's best young chefs.

TV chef Gary Rhodes, who learnt his trade at the Broadstairs college, will sit on the panel for the National Juniorchef competition, which is aimed at 11- to 16-year-olds.

P&O Ferries is sponsoring the event, which will see youngsters competing in a series of cook-off heats to try to earn themselves a place in the final in March.

The college kitchens will host the final heat, with the triumphant competitor taking home a £300 cheque and £250 for their school or college.

The college's head of catering, hospitality and tourism, Roger Phillips, took receipt of a £5,000 cheque to fund the competition last week.

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How has the once-thriving resort of Margate got to this?

## Teen grew cannabis in mum's airing cupboard

A TEENAGER felt a right dope when police discovered he was growing cannabis in his mother's airing cupboard.

Police raided 18-year-old John Davies's home in Swinford Gardens, Margate, for different reasons but found the youth had cannabis on him.

When they checked the airing cupboard they found four small plants growing under a powerful light.

Davies admitted at Margate court growing the plants. He told police he was trying to save money by growing his own.

He said: "I realise I was stupid. I've stopped smoking cannabis."

Davies was given a six-month community order to include 40 hours' unpaid work and told to pay £60 costs.

# Service charge hike leaves flat residents fearing eviction

BY JENNA PUDELEK

DISABLED and elderly people are facing a 50 per cent increase in the service charge they pay for a warden-assisted block of flats in Ramsgate.

Anxious residents of Minerva House contacted KOS Media after they discovered a 'for sale' notice for one of the flats, saying the service charge was going to increase by as much as 73 per cent from April 1.

The confusion for the residents, including some who have Alzheimer's and need oxygen to breathe, continued because they were unable to get hold of anyone at the housing association, Hyde Housing, which owns the block.

Sue Blake, who suffers from chronic asthma and has to claim disability benefits, lives with her husband, who has arthritis. She told how the residents felt let down.

"People are going to start losing their homes over it. People will be right on the headline. It is discrimination against the elderly," she said.

The 57-year-old is the youngest resident

in the block, while the oldest is 92, she said.

Leaseholders were unable to get hold of anyone at Hyde, she said: "It is not fair - no one has been able to get through at all. They are ignoring everyone, or they get an answerphone message and no one calls back."

Panic started after residents discovered a 'for sale' notice from In Place, the charity subsidiary of Hyde that delivers its services, stating the service charge was increasing from £161.80 a month to £279.47.

### Charges

A spokeswoman for Hyde Housing said: "Residents of Minerva House were first informed about the likelihood of a substantial increase in service charges for the financial year 2008-09 at a special meeting at the end of December 2007."

"We are currently finalising service charges and anticipate that the charge for 2008-09 will be £235.60, which equals a 46 per cent increase on last year's charge."

But Mrs Blake and other residents remained furious that this was not explained to them and say the amount is still too high.

She said: "We might as well have kept paying our mortgage."

Norman Still chaired a residents' meeting on Wednesday to discuss the increases.

The 73-year-old said: "It went up by 22 per cent last year - where's it going to stop? Everyone is on pensions or disability allowance."

"No one is coming up with any answers, and think of the stress we are under. We have residents with Alzheimer's, people who need oxygen, there are some of us who are fit and wellish, but we are not strong people."

Nine residents wrote to their MP, Dr Steve Ladyman, to complain.

"They are certainly worried - at the very least they deserve to be told what is going on."

"A housing association should behave better than that - you can understand if this was some sort of fly-by-night business, but they have a duty to explain things properly," Dr Ladyman said.

A Hyde spokeswoman said that a meeting would be held to explain the rises to residents. She insisted that the association kept in touch with all its residents.

She claimed the increases were needed to ensure the needs of residents were met.



## SEE SEALS ON THE SEASHORE

A shipshape deal to watch seals on the isle is yours for the taking.

The chance to see the mammals is part of a new Thanet Coast Project scheme.

The trips cost just £10 per person and will be run over Easter. The one-hour journeys depart twice a day on Good Friday (March 21), Saturday (March 22), Easter Sunday (March 23) and Easter Monday (March 24).

They set off from Ramsgate harbour to the River Stour and Kent's largest National Nature Reserve of Pegwell and Sandwich Bay.

Thanet Coast Project manager Tony Child said: "These trips will give people the chance to see the seals in their natural habitat. The excursions are great as they visit the Pegwell and Sandwich Bay National Nature Reserve from the sea, and so give a completely different perspective of our coastline."

The trips will be run by Horizon Sea Safaris.

To book a place and to view the exact times of the trips, visit [www.thanetcoast.org.uk](http://www.thanetcoast.org.uk), or phone Thanet Coast Project on 01843 577672.

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**EXCAVATION:** Experts from the Canterbury Archaeological Trust at the site that covers hundreds of acres

# Team digging for secrets of Thanet Earth

ARCHAEOLOGISTS are digging at the Thanet Earth glasshouse site near Monkton to see what parts of the isle's history they can unearth.

Teams of experts from the Canterbury Archaeological Trust are carrying out an intensive excavation and study at the massive site that will cover hundreds of acres of farmland between the villages of Monkton, Acol and St Nicholas-at-Wade.

The dig is being funded by the Fresca Group, which is developing the land.

Results have already emerged, with the cremated remains of one Roman Thanetian among the items discovered.

## Cemeteries

Evidence of Roman cremation cemeteries, and Roman and Iron Age field systems, are also coming to light at the site, which will eventually see 222 acres covered with concrete and glass.

Joining the teams on the site has been Dr Alasdair Bruce, who is an expert in geology and Conservative councillor for the Birchington South ward.

He said: "To be this close to an ancient Thanetian was a privilege and an honour. This

■ BY TOM BETTS

was a new and exciting experience for me."

He added: "Although my profession is geology, I could not help but be inspired by the level of care being taken by the site owners and Canterbury Archaeological Trust to ensure all evidence of Thanet's past is properly recorded."

CAT director Paul Bennett said: "We are seeing evidence everywhere we look of enclosures, ditches and droeways telling us that this area has been in cultivation at least back to the Iron Age and probably earlier."

"We have highly-qualified staff recording all information unearthed."

The work so far has involved scraping off topsoil to search for areas where old residents of the isle may have lived and worked.

Archaeologists have had previous success in nearby areas, uncovering artefacts important to documenting the isle's past such as an Iron Age hut, Bronze Age cemeteries and a medieval farmstead.

The teams are hopeful of uncovering more of the area's history as aerial surveillance has shown crop marks indicating ring ditches in which artefacts may be lurking.

## Buried evidence is seeing light of day

THE soil of Thanet's fields hold many historical truths.

Workers from the Canterbury Archaeological Trust have been delving beneath the soil for the last few weeks to see what they can uncover at the Thanet Earth site near Monkton.

Evidence of Roman and Iron Age settlements are among those that have already come to light.

The area will be used to host giant glasshouses as part of the Thanet Earth project in the long term, but the teams must first complete their dig before they are built.

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## Row led to drugs find and community service

A NEW YEAR'S EVE row resulted in a knock on the head for Andrea Fields and a drugs bust for her partner Steven Hennessy.

Hennessy, 40, of Honeysuckle Close, Margate, admitted assaulting Miss Fields and two charges of possession of cannabis at Margate court.

Magistrates were told there was a drunken row between the pair at their home and Hennessy pushed Miss Fields over.

She hit her head on a wall and called police, who heard the couple arguing over the phone.

When Hennessy was being searched at Margate police station, officers found a silver tin containing cannabis resin hidden in his boxer shorts.

Then they found a bag of herbal cannabis.

Jim Zacharius, defending, said: "He can't remember what the argument was about. It was so trivial. It was fuelled because they had been drinking."

The father of two was given an 18-month community order and 100 hours' unpaid work and he was ordered to pay £60 costs.

## Enthusiast in drive for US military memorabilia

A US AIR FORCE truck driven from Germany to Thanet was one of the stars at Europe's largest gathering of military vehicles.

Radio-controlled tanks and combat vehicles old and new dotted the Leas in Folkestone, while the Leas Cliff Hall was turned into a giant militaria store selling assembly kits and model soldiers.

Michael Everall, from Birchington, displayed his US Air Force truck alongside jeeps and desert warfare vehicles.

"I drove from Frankfurt after it was auctioned off by the Americans," he said. "That was its road test and it came through OK."

## MP backs move to deliver free chess sets to schools

THANET South MP Dr Steve Ladyman is backing a scheme that will deliver free chess sets to schools.

They can claim 10 free sets each by phoning the MP's Ramsgate office on 01843 852696 or by contacting the Chess Federation via email at [office@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:office@englishchess.org.uk).

Dr Ladyman said: "It's a rewarding and fun game to learn, and I urge our schools to take full advantage."

The scheme is being run by Holloid Plastics, which is distributing 25,000 sets nationwide, free of charge.

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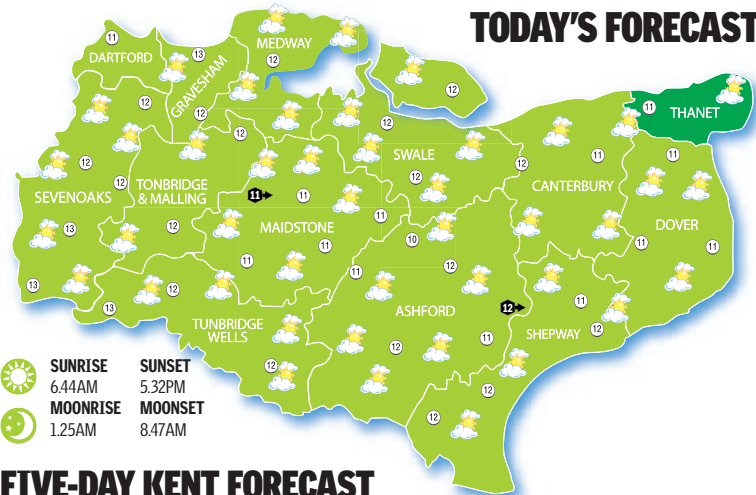
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Dover	Saturday	3:12pm	5.5m
	Sunday	4:04pm	5.1m
Dungeness	Saturday	3:27pm	6.3m
	Sunday	4:21pm	5.9m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:42pm	4.2m
	Sunday	4:34pm	3.9m
Sheerness	Saturday	4:49pm	4.9m
	Sunday	5:32pm	4.6m
Whitstable	Saturday	4:52pm	4.6m
	Sunday	5:37pm	4.4m

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Las Palmas	20°C	Wellington	23°C

## Care needed helping oil-covered seabirds

THE Thanet Coast Project is asking anyone who finds a living seabird that has been affected by oil washing up on the beaches to call the correct people.

The public should phone Plunkett's vets surgery on 01843 591899, local volunteer Janet Smith on 01843 223580, or the RSPCA at Mallydams, Hastings, on 01424 812055.

If one is found, it must be approached with caution, handled with gloves and care must be taken not to distress the creature.

The bird should be kept in a dark cardboard box in a warm environment near a radiator or hot-water bottle.

Oil has been washing up on beaches from Ramsgate around the coast to Westgate-on-Sea and is believed to come from the Ice Prince incident off the Dorset coast.

## Turner is approved

PLANS for the £15 million Turner Contemporary arts venue have been unanimously approved by Thanet council.

The authority's planning committee approved the plans on Wednesday, subject to agreements on infrastructure such as road signs and improved cycle and pedestrian access.

The new centre in Margate will have a gallery featuring work by JMW Turner, a second gallery for work by young artists and visitors, lecture and screening rooms, conference facilities and a café.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### NICK KINSELLA



**Q** Is sexual exploitation the main reason people are trafficked?

**A** It is the main reason. Official UN figures say about 80 per cent of people who are trafficked are women and children – but there are several other reasons.

There are many reasons that people traffick children, for example. Sometimes it's sexual exploitation, others it's benefit fraud where they are passed from family to family so they can claim. They are also trafficked to be used for street crime or domestic servitude.

**Q** Why don't more victims escape?

**A** The traffickers exert control over their victims. Fear, and fear of beatings, is just as effective as cells and bars.

The traffickers instil distrust in the authorities, telling victims that if the police come they will arrest them because they're in the country illegally. Some traffickers, and this is something we have come across, when they kidnap someone for prostitution get the first person to rape them to dress up as a police officer.

**Q** How do you get round this?

**A** When we go on a raid like Operation Pentameter we take a load of ipods with phrases in the 10 most common languages we've come across loaded on to them.

The officers show them laminated cards of different countries' flags and they can point to,

say, number seven – Lithuania. Then the officer can scroll down to number seven on the ipod and the victim can hear all about what we are doing there and what we can do for them in their own language. This explains who we are and what we can do to help, offering the services of a doctor, or the chance to talk to a female police officer if they need to.

**Q** Describe how a typical trafficking network operates

**A** There is no typical network and that's what can make it difficult. Some trafficking is carried out by highly organised international criminal gangs who run the process from beginning to end, from the initial contact to the exploitation itself.

We have also come across much smaller, more informal, gangs who are only involved in part of the chain. So a gang in Bulgaria might pass victims on to another group. The bottom line with trafficking is that it's all about money. Traffickers trade people for money, just like drugs, counterfeit money or guns. It is making money out of a modern-day slave trade.

**Q** How are you combating the trade?

**A** Human trafficking is not a problem the police can solve on their own. The UKHTC includes dozens and dozens of organisations, including the police, the serious crime investigation team, social services and the Crown Prosecution Service.

It is not an immigration issue – 25 per cent of victims are EU nationals, they are entitled to be here, they are just being exploited. This is often what makes it so difficult to spot at border controls. Most of the victims who come in do so legally. When they are stopped they are relaxed and happy because they think they are here to start a better life where they can support themselves and their families.

You cannot underestimate or overstress the trauma that these girls go through. In the case of sexual exploitation, they are forced to sell themselves for sex, maybe 20 times a day, 365 days a year. A trafficker doesn't care if it's Christmas Day – if someone wants a girl for sex he'll get them a girl.

**Q** What is your background?

**A** I am a police officer with 28 years' service – the last six of those I've specialised in this sort of work. I set up the first teams to combat trafficking and it was one of them that brought the first prosecutions.

I was director of intelligence for Yorkshire Police, then moved to head up the national Intelligence Service based in London. I left that post to become head of centre.

Operation Pentameter II saw addresses in Sittingbourne, Herne Bay, Whitstable and Ramsgate raided. The original Operation Pentameter in 2006 also saw properties in Medway targeted.

**Q & A**

Following the success of Operation Pentameter II, which saw dozens of people traffickers arrested in raids across Kent, **Gareth Arnold** talks to the head of the UK Human Trafficking Centre

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Yourkenttv presenter Julie Maddocks chats to Jacqueline Wilson, the author behind the famous Tracy Beaker stories.



Other People's Photographs is an exhibition at George's House Gallery, Folkestone, comprising 1,800 pictures by townsfolk.



New series Kent Characters begins with a look at places you may not have considered living - including a church.

## EDITOR'S CHOICE

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# Switch off and save the world

BY NICK AMES

KENT's biggest radio station Invicta FM will take part in an international energy-saving day next month and is asking people to join them for Lights Out Kent.

Earth Hour will see celebrities, politicians and thousands of people across the globe turning off their lights for an hour.

The team at the radio station will join in on Saturday, March 29, from 8pm.

The project started in Sydney last year when an estimated 2.2 million people flicked the switch, leaving the famous Opera House bathed in moonlight and the Harbour Bridge blacked out.

This year a total of 24 cities including San Francisco, Tel Aviv, Copenhagen and Dublin have embraced the idea.

"Climate change is a truly global

issue and people around the world are demanding action," Earth Hour executive director Andy Ridley said.

"We're delighted there has been so much interest from major cities around the world.

"Last year we were incredibly excited that more than two million people in Sydney took part in Earth Hour.

"If we see the same participation levels around the globe that we did in Sydney, then we can anticipate more than 30 million people getting involved."

## Awareness

This year Invicta FM hopes the whole of Kent will unite with them and fall into shadow to raise awareness about global warming.

Australian actress Cate Blanchett, star of Lord of the Rings, described the event as "inspirational".

She said: "It's an hour of active, thoughtful darkness, a celebration of our awakening to climate change action."

Speaking after last year's event she said: "By our example tonight, hopefully we can inspire our industry, our

governments and the international community with a very simple message; waste less.

"Waste less energy, waste less of the earth's fuel and waste less of the earth's precious resources. If we act now, in 100 years time people will look back at the concept of wasting electricity as ridiculous as corsets and floggings."

Invicta FM has decided March will be Green Month in a bid to encourage individuals, families and businesses across Kent to make real and long-lasting changes to the way they live their lives.

Everyone at the station, from presenters to bosses, will be looking at proactive ways to help make their lives greener and inform listeners about green issues.

They'll also be working with schools, community groups and business leaders, and looking at areas such as energy, transport, ethical living, conservation and recycling.

To sign up to Lights Out Kent and find out how you can get involved in Green Month visit [invictafm.com/greenmonth](http://invictafm.com/greenmonth).



INSPIRED: Australian actress Cate Blanchett is encouraging the people of Kent to get involved in this year's Earth Hour at 8pm on Sunday, March 29, this year

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# Superbugs that are too smart for science

BY JENNA PUDELEK

A NURSE has this week given an insight into the fascinating world of infection control – and the risk of a worldwide bird flu pandemic.

Debbie Weston is a specialist in infection prevention and control for East Kent Hospitals NHS Trust.

She spoke to KOSMedia this week as part of the award-winning publisher's campaign to promote hand hygiene in hospitals and healthcare centres across the county.

Miss Weston, who lives in Westgate, has just had her first book published – called Infection Control: Theory and Practice for Healthcare Professionals.

She said the book was aimed at anyone with an interest in the subject – from physiotherapists, social workers, healthcare assistants and nursing students to members of the public.

The fight against the new superbugs can be seen as a battle that nature is winning – the organisms are mutating and evolving into more virulent strains faster than scientists can develop new antibiotics to cure them.

She said: "It is about keeping the environment clear, decontaminating hands and wearing the appropriate clothing."

"If the basics are in place then you can go a long way to breaking the train of transmission."

Basic hand hygiene is where KOSMedia readers, viewers and listeners can help – simply washing your hands with alcohol gel or liquid soap and water helps healthcare professionals in their battle against killer healthcare-associated infections.

Miss Weston's interest and fascination with these organisms is contagious.

"How they change is fascinating. Look at H5N1 or avian flu – it was pathogenic or harmful to birds and it has mutated to cause disease in humans. At the moment it cannot spread from human to human but there is the potential there for a pandemic."

"For there to be a pandemic you have got to have a new virus. It has got to demonstrate the ability to jump the species barrier and become transmissible."

"That is why it is being monitored so closely because it has already been killing people who have been in contact with poultry," she said.

Bird flu is like MRSA and Clostridium difficile (C diff), she said, it is vital to understand the organism so people are better equipped to understand the importance of stopping it.



Examples of past outbreaks, such as Sars (Severe acute respiratory syndrome) which killed around 800 people after its emergence from China in 2002, Legionnaires disease in the 1980s and Salmonella, are used in the book as examples of what can go wrong, she said.

"There are basic precautions based on the idea that you do not know who has got what. Something called universal precautions has been in place since the 80s and HIV."

"It centres on hand washing, gloves and aprons but it has gone on from there... It is about keeping the environment clean and decontaminating equipment – if people are doing these all of the time then they will reduce the risk of infection



EXPERT WARNING: Debbie Weston on new breed of bug

spreading from people to people," she said.

With organisms mutating and evolving and diseases thought to have been defeated re-emerging infection control teams certainly have their work cut out.

Last week the Health Protection Agency revealed that a Kent healthcare worker had contracted tuberculosis.

"TB is fascinating, it is a potentially curable disease, and is treatable with antibiotics. There is not a resurgence in the general population but in certain high risk groups."

"It is predominantly people born overseas where there is a high rate within the population," Miss Weston said.

Another potential threat is the emergence of the Community MRSA that is currently causing problems in America.

She said: "There is a recognised need for new antibiotics and controlling the ones we are currently giving."

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## We appreciate Natasha's honesty... and dress code

KENT is certainly awash with community TV channels at the moment and I have to say I enjoy both Yourkenttv and the channel run from County Hall.

It's refreshing to see a bit of different stuff – truly local for a change – and the chance for people involved in fun and worthwhile projects to have their moment on camera.

I saw the viewing figures for both broadband services recently in one of your sister publications – pretty impressive and the way forward for truly representative networks which reflect the changes in local life, issues of importance to residents of towns and villages never before featured on any TV show, and community projects as they develop.

And it's all in such contrast to the giant egos and massive pay packets for people at the publicly-funded BBC and the major commercial channels.

Is Jonathan Ross really worth his wages? I

don't think so – and I'm sure the people who lost their jobs to justify his salary agree with me.

So full marks to a former Meridian favourite – who started her TV news-presenting career on local TV 10 years ago – and Strictly Come Dancing winner.

Natasha Kaplinsky has admitted that she cannot justify her £1 million salary which Channel Five used to lure her from the BBC.

She has said it was "an astonishing amount of money" and it had "done something completely ridiculous to my wages".

She didn't even try to justify herself – here's what she said: "Five seem to think I am but, no, how can anybody justify that?"

"A dustman is worth £1 million for cleaning up the rubbish, as far as I'm concerned, and a doctor is worth £20 million for saving someone's life. It's just impossible to answer that question."

"It's an astonishing amount of money. I was shocked by it. But the offer sat on the table for a long time before I took the job. Yes, taking the job has done something completely ridiculous to my wages, but that has never been my motivation."

Kaplinsky has apparently been asked to present the news in jeans to give the bulletin – renamed Five News With Natasha Kaplinsky – a lighter touch.

And there is obviously no promotion of herself involved in the title, either.

But the former BBC Breakfast and Six O'Clock News presenter said she was unsure about losing her suits and adopting a 'dress down' policy.

She said: "I'm a reasonably serious journalist and there's something about wearing a suit that puts you in the right frame of mind."

Well, full marks for modesty and realising the lunacy of your salary, Natasha.

Stick to your guns over the dress code and maybe some of your salary could help fellow broadcasters should they (wisely) attempt to tackle their own many and varied sartorial shortcomings.

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# Arcades in the balance

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way through Parliament, so Dr Ladyman has called for the debate to resolve matters.

"The business is suffering and I have a seaside constituency with a gaming machine manufacturing company, so I felt I had to do something," he said.

Colin Mallery, a consultant for Harry Levy, which makes and distributes gambling machines at its base in Pysons Way, Broadstairs, confirmed that trade was far from healthy.

He said: "We've been a very successful company for years, but things have dropped off very badly."

"This legislation has left all the other casinos and betting shops with the better machines, and customers migrated to them immediately."

"I counted two people in the over-18 section of a local arcade on a Friday night recently – it's very worrying."

Thanet North MP Roger Gale and Laura Sandys, parliamentary candidate for Thanet South, also want a re-think.

A joint statement from the pair read: "It's clear that one of a number of the unintended

consequences of the Government's ill-thought-through 2005 Act has been damage to the profitability of seaside arcades while encouraging the growth of 'adult gaming centres' and the spread of bookmakers."

The statement said the situation would be better under the Tories: "The trade have made it clear that unless they're allowed to revert to the stakes and numbers of machines permitted prior to the passing of Labour's Act, still more businesses will go to the wall."

"The trade association, BACTA, has made representations to Government and they have our full support."

"We will be meeting with their chief executive on behalf of the Thanet and Herne Bay Arcade and Machine Manufacturing Industry to see what measures may be taken to persuade the Government to change its legislation."

"If this government does not respond to industry representations, then we have a clear undertaking that the next Conservative government will – but with up to two years to run before the next general election that may be too late for some businesses."

# Dreamland overhaul is closer to fruition

A PLANNING brief outlining the regeneration of Dreamland has been approved by Thanet council.

■ BY TOM BETTS

At least 51 per cent of the site will be kept for amusement purposes and the Dreamland building and scenic railway roller-coaster incorporated into any future plans for the iconic former fun park.

Any developers who want to build at the site must now do so within the guidelines set out.

## Housing

Bodies interested in the regeneration of the site – the Margate Renewal Partnership, SEEDA, English Partnerships, Kent County Council and the Save Dreamland Campaign – have worked together to draw up the Dreamland Planning Brief.

The public were consulted and asked for their views when the brief was being drawn up.

Nick Laister, leader of the Save Dreamland Campaign, said: "We're happy with the brief – this is a firm base from which to move forward."

"The amusement park will still be the dominant use and if that means that some of the site is used for housing, then, in my opinion, that's a compromise worth taking."

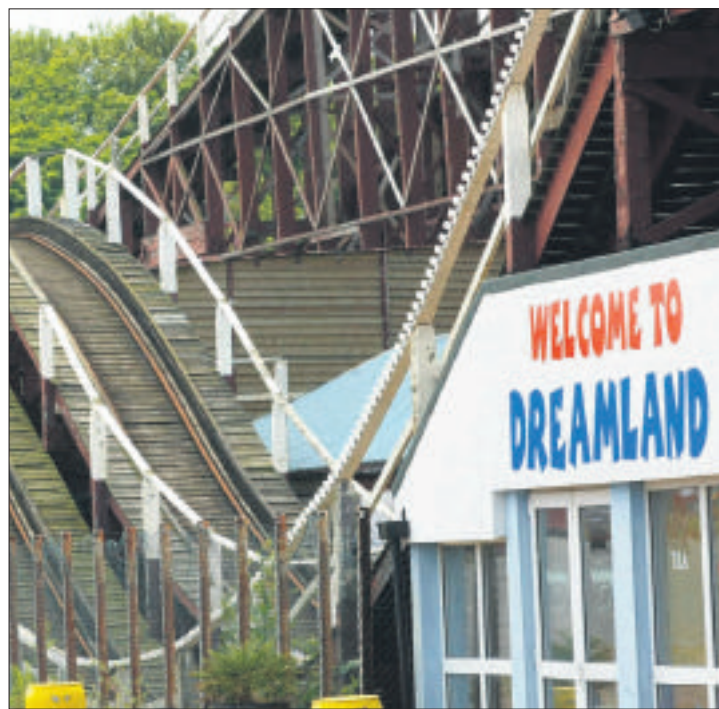
Part of the site will host residential properties which will help to fund the future provision of an amusement park.

A new planning brief will now be prepared for the neighbouring Arlington Square.

Cllr Roger Latchford, cabinet member for culture and economy, said: "This planning guidance clearly sets out to prospective developers exactly what the council and the local community are looking for on the site."

"People have made their views clear that they wish to keep an amusement park and that they wish to avoid more house-building, but we have to be realistic and accept that for the first to happen it will probably need to be funded by an element of residential development."

"Now that this guidance is in place, we look forward to working with developers and seeing their ideas for the site."



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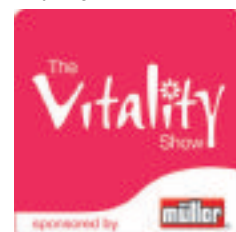
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## TALK TIME

### PETER RADCLIFFE

Peter Radcliffe, 52, is leader of the Thanet RSPB group. Here he talks to Yourthanet about his love of wildlife.



#### Why did you get involved with the RSPB, Peter?

I like the outside activity, really. I've had an interest in birdlife for a long time and it seemed like a natural progression to get involved with the organisation. I actually started more than 20 years ago when I became a committee member and have slowly worked my way up through the years to group leadership. I've been everything from bring-and-buy officer to recruitment officer in the meantime.

#### What do you enjoy most about your role?

It gets me out of the house into the countryside and I love the fresh air and the walking that comes with it. You really never can tell what you are going to see each time you go out until you get there, so there is always an element of surprise and the unknown about it.

#### Is east Kent a good area for birdwatching?

Yes. It's a vast area and has so much to offer. I went out on a recent four-hour walk with one of our group leaders at Foreness Point and it was fascinating being shown all the butterflies, moths, orchids and plantlife, and the best places to see them in the summer. Just outside Thanet, Grove Ferry is a lovely spot. You can see kingfishers, marsh harriers, little egrets, sparrowhawks, kestrels and so on. It often depends on luck, but you really can see a wonderful variety of birds and wildlife there, and it's not too far from where I live. Just 15 minutes from leaving my house I can be there immersed in nature, which is great.

#### Why would you encourage others to get involved?

Well, it's far from being a secret society. On the whole, most birdwatchers are very friendly people who are more than willing to help others get involved and to share their information and knowledge.

## YOUR LETTERS

### Diesel prices get me revved up

CAN anyone tell me what's going on with diesel prices?

Earlier this month I noted the price of diesel at two outlets in Faversham was £106.9 a litre, or £4.81 a gallon.

Arriving back in Ramsgate, I noted the same two outlets selling diesel at £109.9 a litre, or £4.95 a gallon! What's going on?

Gary Ward, black cab owner-driver  
Ramsgate

### Hotel is brewing a welcome change

I FEEL I have to respond to last week's lead story about the gardens of the Albion Hotel.

Broadstairs has been trying to create a chic 'Riviera' feel to its seaside facilities to try to draw itself away from the decaying resorts of yesteryear, and the purchase of the Albion Hotel by Shepherd Neame is a huge step forward.

The hotel's previous owners did not have the capability to move the hotel forward, and indeed the last time the hotel was painted it was on the back of an EU grant!

The patch of grass, which was more worn-out mud than grass, sprinkled with some old wooden pub benches, was shabby, while the hedging lacked maintenance, along with the boundary wall.

Shepherd Neame has decided to bring the hotel into the 21st century – it is, after all, a hotel and not a public garden.

If residents want gardens, they have the Victoria lawns just a few hundred yards away.

For film-maker Christine Tongue to attack the scheme

## LETTER OF THE WEEK



Margate high street – 'murdered by the Westwood game,' says a reader

### TDC: the shame is yours

*Today the bailiffs arrived  
And closed my neighbour's shop  
Just another not survived  
Another business got the chop  
The council grabs its tax  
Cares nothing for the facts  
We're murdered by your Westwood game  
Hang your heads in shame*

The old couple in their 90s have had a shop in the high street for about 60 years – until this!

SHAME on this and previous councils for your irresponsible policies.

SHAME on you for worthless talk of regeneration.

SHAME on you for the squandering of tax-payers' money.

SHAME on you for inefficient and inept management.

SHAME on you for doing nothing to resolve local issues.

But it seems there is no shame in continuing to draw fat allowances with sweet expense accounts.

Pauline Dunnill, Pauline's Café  
High Street, Margate

(which is not even finished yet and can hardly be judged) shows just how little vision and imagination she must have.

The new Turner gallery plans are hardly in keeping with current seafront architecture along Margate's 'golden mile', but

most creative artists can see beyond this.

How would we progress if we continually worked with our ideas bedded in the past?

As eyesores go, simply look at the hideous blue halogen lights outside the Windsor cinema in Broadstairs as an example of what not to do.

Well done, Shepherd Neame! Yes, Broadstairs may consist of a disproportionate amount of retired folk who are beyond change and progress, but without such vision and creativity the Albion Hotel would have continued to rot.

John Andrews  
by email

### Trading Standards should probe tax

ISN'T it time that trading standards investigated the huge scam that is the council tax? We are paying huge amounts, and for what?

A council that has no comprehension of the concept of planning or improvement – its members think 'road' is synonymous with the Alamo (full of holes and useless cowboys).

Over the years, Thanet council has been the sponsor of the largest breeding herd of white elephants, from the hoverport through various airport schemes, the port and The Loop at Manston to the Turner centre, plus many others all promising thousands of jobs but only losing large amounts of tax-payers' money.

Thanet council has destroyed the three town centres through its policies, while the seafronts of all three towns are decimated.

Ramsgate is the proud owner of what must be the largest public toilet in the world (the multi-storey car park) because the council will not provide any

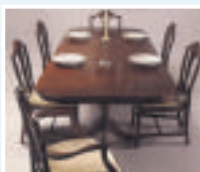
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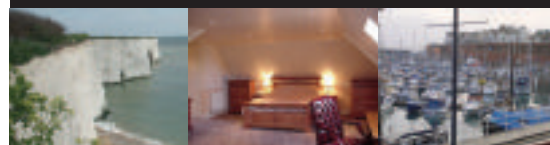
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toilets in the town to receive the results of brewers' profits.

The authority is selling off recreational areas (Montefiore tennis courts, Warre recreation ground, Manston Road allotments, Pierremont Park, Jackey Bakers), plus any other space it can, to build untold amounts of housing.

Why?  
We have enough trouble seeing a doctor, dentist or hospital consultant now – you can't use the roads, while there is not enough water, school places or work for the people living here now.

Look at the street-lights not working, the graffiti everywhere, the litter covering our streets, the dog mess on our pavements, the cars parked on grass verges and pavements. Why is the council not prosecuting those responsible?

We probably wouldn't need to pay council tax for a year if it did!

Name and address  
supplied to the editor

## Cabinet meeting headed nowhere

The last meeting of the Thanet District Council cabinet really was a grim affair.

Before any agenda items began, a letter from a leading trades union representative warning the cabinet that staff could be squeezed no more in relation to terms and conditions was read out by the council leader, who simply had to agree with the content.

Then, during items concerning the budget, the same letter and union representative were often referred to in sorry efforts to excuse cuts to services.

The meeting continued in mournful mood while cabinet members desperately tried to justify their woeful financial mismanagement over the last four years and their over-reliance on external consultants.

Just when it looked like things couldn't get any worse, the last item, concerning the East Kent Local Strategic Partnership, exposed the current administration's sorry situation.

The supposedly positive words leaving cabinet members' mouths simply didn't match with the awkwardness on their faces and of their body language, and it was obvious this Conservative administration had completely lost its way in its march across the Wantsum.

So today we have a Conservative leadership who 'may' no longer rely so heavily on external consultants but apparently now look to the unions for inspiration.

The Tories certainly are leading us here in Thanet. The trouble is – they don't quite know where!

Cllr Clive Hart

Deputy leader of Thanet council's Labour group

## Help for OAPs to pay their way

A NUMBER of high-street retailers have recently announced that they will no longer offer their customers the opportunity to pay by cheque.

While the slow death of cheques is probably inevitable, older people remain more likely than other age groups to continue to use cheques as a means of payment.

The truth is that some older

consumers in Thanet may already be struggling with the many changes in the way we manage money, such as the introduction of chip-and-pin cards, and this represents another challenge.

More than nine in 10 older people have told us that more should be done to help vulnerable older people deal with the changes in the way society uses money, while seven in 10 feel that older people have fewer opportunities for learning how to manage their money.

As a charity we provide advice to older people across the country on exactly these issues through our Your Money Matters programme, which we run in partnership with Barclays.

The projects are aimed at improving the skills, confidence and financial situation of older people by providing basic money management and debt advice.

We would recommend the following advice for older readers who often pay for their shopping by cheque and are concerned about these changes.

Consider asking your bank or building society for a chip-and-pin or a chip-and-signature card.

If you have trouble understanding how these work, you can ask your bank or building society for instruction.

In the case of chip-and-pin, the personal identification number (PIN) provides added security for card transactions.

For those who find it difficult to use pin numbers, the chip-and-signature card is a better option.

All retailers should offer this facility to use this type of card where you can sign for goods.

Rachel Corry  
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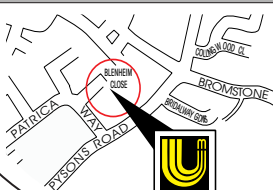
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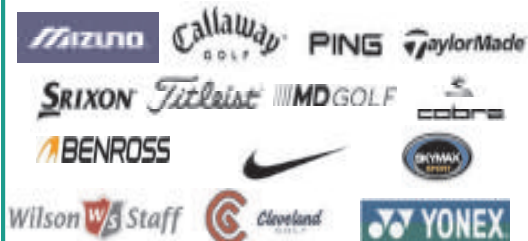
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## Kiki revels in a fresh freedom

### Soul singer moves into a new genre of music in latest show

IN her new live show, singer Kiki Dee shows off the versatile quality of her superb voice with a range of fantastic songs.

Accompanied by virtuoso guitarist Carmelo Luggeri, Dee performs a selection of both classic tracks and new material. It is a distinct change from her soul background, but one which has given the Bradford-born singer a new sense of freedom.

"It's partly about my tastes maturing, because a lot of music now sounds very generic," she explained during rehearsals.

"But it's also come about because I've never had a strong musical identity. There are lots of artists about whom, as soon as they're mentioned, you have an exact idea of what you're going to get. But not with me, as I've done so many different styles."

Born as Pauline Mathews in 1947, she discovered her love for singing at a very young age. At 16 she was working in Boots and singing in a local dance band, when a record company worker happened to be in the audience one night. This led to her winning a record deal and her name being changed to the more exotic-sounding Kiki Dee.

Although Dee recorded a number of albums and became the first European signing to Motown Records, the next ten years were a difficult time. She failed to achieve commercial success, though she became a respected cabaret singer and spent time singing backing vocals for Dusty Springfield.

"I found it quite difficult because visiting London was so exciting in the 60s, but then I would go back to Bradford and feel quite flat because there was nothing to do at that time," she recalled.

"All the other girls from the north, like Cilla Black, were doing really well but it wasn't my time. In hindsight I think it's a good thing that I didn't do too well so early on. But I always had an inner belief that I would make it."

Dee's fortunes changed when Elton John's manager contacted her out of the blue in 1972, inviting her to sign to John's new independent label, Rocket Records. Her first album was produced by John himself and he also encouraged her to start writing songs.

"It was great because I'd been in the music industry for 10 years and I was

finally working with people my own age," she said. "It was exciting to get a hit record and go on Top of the Pops."

Dee will always be associated with Don't Go Breaking My Heart, the duet with John which was a massive number one hit all over the UK and America. She has also become



**SOUND CHANGE:** Kiki Dee has teamed up with virtuoso guitar player Carmelo Luggeri

an accomplished theatre star, earning an Olivier Award nomination for her role in Blood Brothers, but she is in no hurry to return to acting.

She said: "Carmelo and I are not trying to change the world, but I like this artistic freedom."

The show starts at 8pm and tickets

cost £15/£13. Phone the box office on 01892 678678, or book online at [www.trinitytheatre.net](http://www.trinitytheatre.net).

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The band mix influences ranging from piano-infused hard rock on the single Time After Time to the sonically charged sound of Parallel Worlds.

Organisers say the concert will be the first

### ELLIOT MINOR

Friday, March 7  
The Sugar Complex, Margate



in a series of visits by great bands, bringing the best in new music to the young people of Thanet. Minor will be staying behind to sign autographs and meet fans after the gig.

Doors open at 7pm and the support band will be on at 8pm. Tickets, costing £10, can be booked by phoning 01843 571684/280080, emailing westcoastbar1@aol.co.uk, or in person at the West Coast Bar in King Street, Margate.

### ARTHUR'S ON THE LINE

Friday, March 7, and  
Saturday, March 8  
Granville Theatre, Ramsgate



A MEMBER of Parliament finds himself in deep water in the hilarious farce Arthur's On The Line.

The comedy by Gavin Rodney is part of a double bill of one-act plays being performed by The New Deal Theatre Company next weekend. Winner of the Kent One-Act Play Competition, the farce follows the bizarre story of an MP who



is threatened with a declaration of war by an African state.

Also on the bill is Charity

Begins... a subtle comedy by Bettine Manktelow (pictured), who directs both plays. It is set in the office of a charity, where a case of mistaken identity leads to the wrong advice being dispensed to an unlikely client.

For Bettine, the performance will be a return to old haunts. Her first play, They Call It Murder, was presented by the Thanet Dramatic Society at the Granville Theatre in 1975.

Performances start at 7.30pm both days and also at 2.30pm on Saturday. To book tickets, phone the box office on 01843 591750.

### RAT PACK LIVE

Saturday, March 8  
Margate Winter Gardens



TEN years after the death of music legend Frank Sinatra, the Rat Pack Live celebrates his legacy.

Acclaimed tribute artist David Alacey has launched a special anniversary tour to commemorate the memory of Sinatra and the Rat Pack. Joined by Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jrn tributes, he will be bringing the classic performances back to the stage in style.

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### THANET LEISURE

#### Exhibition will take you back to nature

WORKS by some of the UK's leading artists will be exhibited in Margate from tomorrow (Thursday) until June 1.

Nature Is A Workshop will be the first exhibition at Turner Contemporary's new Project Space in the High Street and it will also be at Droit House on Stone Pier. Featuring contemporary works created during the last 30 years, it explores the reflection of nature and environment in art. For more information visit [www.turnercontemporary.org](http://www.turnercontemporary.org).

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The show starts at the Theatre Royal Margate at 7.30pm on Tuesday, March 11. Tickets cost £9/£7. Phone the box office on 01227 787787 or buy tickets at the door.

#### Ale be going to the gig at The Artillery Arms

RELIVE the glory days of rock'n'roll this week with local cover band Ale House Rock.

The trio play the great rock hits of the 50s and 60s, giving the live experience to music fans again. Ale House Rock will be performing at The Artillery Arms in West Cliff Road, Ramsgate, on Friday (February 29).

The gig starts at 9pm. For more details about the gig, phone The Artillery Arms on 01843 853282.

#### You'll get the blues at the Belle Vue Hotel

RHYTHM'N'BLUES band Cellblock9 will be playing some classic tunes in Cliftonville this week.

The foursome play hits by a range of great artists such as Dr Feelgood, Rolling Stones, ZZ Top, Chuck Berry and many more.

Cellblock9 will be performing at the Belle Vue Hotel in Northdown Road on Friday (February 29). For more details, phone the hotel on 01843 292145.

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Margate  
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### Sheldons

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8-10 Hereson Road  
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Tel: 01843 593046

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## PUBS

### The Lanthorne

20 Callis Court Road  
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Tel: 01843 861952

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**Thursday 28 February**  
C.O.C

**Saturday 1 March**  
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**Thursday 6 March**  
Taste This

### The Queens Head

78 Harbour Parade  
Ramsgate  
Tel: 01843 853888

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Damage Case

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Mental Floss

**Friday 7 March**  
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**Saturday 8 March**  
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**Thursday 13 March**  
Macs Diner

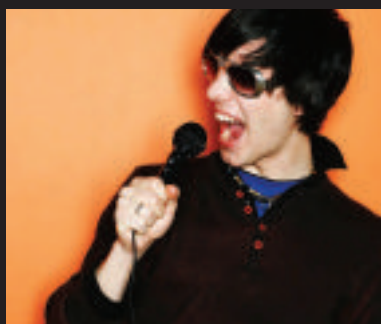
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## STYLE



## STANDARDS



## SERVICE



## PUBS

### The Royal

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Tel: 01843 599599

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#### Thursday

£1 vodka and mixer all night. WKD buy 1 get 1 free for an hour from 12.30am-1.30am

#### Friday

Ladies night - free bar for ladies 10pm-11pm. All drinks £2 all night.

#### Saturday

All drinks - buy one get one free 9pm-11pm.

#### Sunday

80s night. All drinks 80p for 80 minutes 9.10pm-10.30pm. All drinks 80p off after 10.30pm.

#### Monday night

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### The South Eastern

11 Margate Rd, Ramsgate  
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## PUBS

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10 Market Place  
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12 - 2pm

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Margate  
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#### Wednesday

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All drinks £1 10pm-11pm.  
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All drinks £2 12am-2am.  
WKD and vodka and mixer 80p 11pm-2am.

#### Thursday

Cocktail night.

#### Friday and Saturday

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11pm-2am All Drinks £1.50

Karaoke every Thursday 9pm-11pm

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### STYLE



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### SERVICE



### RESTAURANTS

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# Come on board for an intimate meal

## Happy staff make happy customers

### ■ The Tartar Frigate

THE Tartar Frigate has wonderful views over Broadstairs beach and the town harbour - but that's not all it offers.

Restaurant manageress Lemini Whiteley said: "We're only a 50-cover restaurant, so we can't cater for large parties, but we do try to accommodate intimate gatherings, wedding breakfasts and birthday parties."

"Our recipe for success is having happy staff who want to work here."

Lemini is well aware of the colourful nature of chefs: "Yes, things can get a bit heated and animated when we're in service. Yet the best



way is forget at the end of the shift and realise it's only for that moment."

Lemini added: "We often receive glowing reports and feedback from our guests. Yet the best thanks we get are from the people who return and eat with us. Also the local people

who recommend us to visitors and tourists."

The restaurant is open Monday to Saturday from noon until last orders at 1.45pm and 7pm-9.15pm. On Sundays The Tartar Frigate is open from 12.30pm-3.30pm, offering two sittings.

# Delights from under the ocean

### ■ Atlantis

THIS Ramsgate restaurant has a very special dish to reflect its name and seaside location.

The Grand Seafood Platter includes lobster, oysters, scallops, mussels and tiger prawns.

Restaurant manager Nicola Batchelor said the combination of enthusiastic, happy staff, exciting, tempting menus with local produce to the fore, and friendly service had all contributed to ensuring diners - including Timothy Spall, Big Brother star Nick Bateman and presenters of TV's Location, Location show - were satisfied.

She said: "Our varied offerings on our à la

carte menu and our lighter options such as tapas or oysters, coupled with our ability to cater for functions and events, are all important. We recently hosted a themed Elvis wedding and were asked to provide a life-sized cut-out of him - naturally we obliged."

"Another thing we offer is fantastic views over the harbour."

"Our chef is passionate about food and this is reflected in his menus and quality of dishes he produces."

Atlantis is open on Sunday from noon until 4pm, Monday 7.30pm-9.30pm for last orders, Tuesday to Friday noon to 2.30pm last orders and 7pm-9.30pm last orders. Saturday it is open from noon until 10pm last orders.

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## Family home cooking like grandma used to make it

### ■ Siam Kitchen

AUTHENTIC home-cooked Thai food drawing on family experience from South-East Asia is available in Ramsgate.

Kitty Naepnian, the owner, has developed a menu which dates back to her grandmother's time.

"We all grew up in the kitchen," she said. "It's no surprise that we wanted to open our own restaurant. What can we say, cooking and eating is our expertise."

Her family have restaurants in both the UK and US, and Siam Kitchen is justly proud of its food, ambience, staff and views across the sea.

The current favourite dish is Massaman beef curry, a tender piece of beef slow-cooked in coconut milk with aromatic curry paste, roasted peanut and sweet potato.

"The meat will just melt in the mouth accompanied by steamed Thai jasmine fragrant rice," said Kitty, who once cooked for George and Alex Best in her aunt's restaurant in Surrey.



"My main objective is to give the freshest home-cooked food with good value for money to all our customers. The service will always be polite and with a smile."

"The atmosphere is homely and clean and we are honest with the customer – we never over-price."

The restaurant is open from noon until 2.30pm and 6pm-11pm seven days a week.

### CHEF'S CHOICE

#### Pegwell Bay Hotel

To start, try the home-made soup of the day. Follow it up with steak and real ale pie, served with fresh vegetables and potatoes. Then complete the experience with home-made sticky toffee pudding with butterscotch sauce.

#### Racing Greyhound

Prawn cocktail is the most popular starter, followed by bangers and mash with locally produced sausages and then banana split.

#### Comfort Inn

One of the chef's personal favourites is Wexford steak served with a variety of potatoes, salad or vegetables. Or try steak and cob, a traditional home-made dinner consisting of braised steak with a walnut cob like grandma made.

#### Morton's Fork

Home-made salmon and spring onion fishcakes with tartare sauce should be followed up by pan-fried pork medallions with a green peppercorn sauce served with a selection of fresh seasonal vegetables or salad and a choice of potatoes. For dessert, try the homemade Baileys crème brûlée.

#### Siam Kitchen

Start with the famous Thai dim sum, Bangkok tender BBQ spare ribs, crispy prawn rolls, chicken and mango salad. For the main course, try Massaman beef curry, pad thai noodles, Siamese duck breast with source of rambutan, ginger chicken, pork with chilli and Thai basil, Samui chilli swordfish, Phuket style or grilled jumbo prawns. Then finish with SK fried banana with coconut honey sauce, coconut sticky rice served with ice cream and roasted peanuts.

#### The Tartar Frigate

Scallops wrapped in bacon served on a bed of mixed lettuce leaves are the perfect start to the meal. Next try the sea bass roasted with rosemary sprigs, lemon and garlic. Then treat yourself to a dessert of home-made crème brûlée.

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### ■ Morton's Fork

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Shaun said: "We are a family-run business offering traditional English food, freshly cooked to order using only the best-quality produce. An à la carte menu is available lunchtimes and evenings."

"We have a Tuesday lunchtime special where we offer three courses for £5.95 and on Sundays we do two courses for £10.45 or three for £12.45, all of which are very popular – therefore we recommend booking in advance. As well as Jamie the chef, we have two part-time pastry chefs."

"We offer good food at value for money in a relaxed atmosphere with that personal touch"

"Jamie is our eldest son and they all have a personality transplant when they put on their whites: he swears like a trooper but is a brilliant chef."



Shaun put their success down to "good food, price, service, atmosphere and that personal touch."

Morton's Fork can cater for parties up to about 30 people in the main restaurant and 16 to 20 in the upper restaurant.

Opening times are Tuesday to Saturday noon until 2.30pm and 7pm until late.

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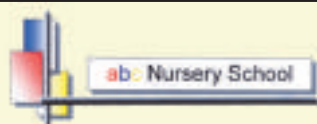


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#### It's game time with DS games at great prices

VIDEOGAME retailer Game is offering Nintendo DS games at bargain prices.

High School Musical, Fifa 2008, My Sims and Need For Speed ProStreet are all titles now the subject of £10-off offers on the popular touch-screen console.

Meanwhile, £12 is being knocked off Bratz: 4 Real, The Simpsons and movie adaptation Transformers: The Game Autobots, which are now priced £17.99. The new Shrek game, Shrek: Ogres and Donkeys, is now available for £16.99 after £13 was knocked off the RRP. Get along to the Thanet branch at Westwood Cross to snap up the bargains.

#### Find your way to Maplins for bargains

ELECTRONICS specialist Maplins is cutting prices on hi-tech equipment as part of its latest sale.

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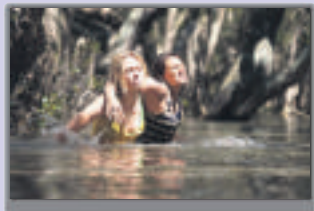
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# The one-man army returns

BY ANDY WELCH

"MY T-SHIRT'S too tight, I'm trying to stretch it," says Sylvester Stallone as he enters the room pulling at the sleeves of his under-strain top. It's little wonder it's a snug fit, considering his biceps are the size of most people's thighs.

As he takes to his chair, it's easy to forget 'Sly' is 61 years old and it's even easier once you've seen him skipping over logs, running through steamy jungle and despatching enemy soldiers with ease in his latest film Rambo.

The fourth instalment in the series, this new film comes 20 years after Rambo III – a film Stallone's less than proud of. So why resurrect the character?

He says: "I thought that it might be an interesting revisit today, because an entire generation has not seen Rambo. They probably think he's someone's granddad."

The new movie finds Vietnam veteran and one-man army Rambo, living a quiet life in northern Thailand, near the Burmese border.

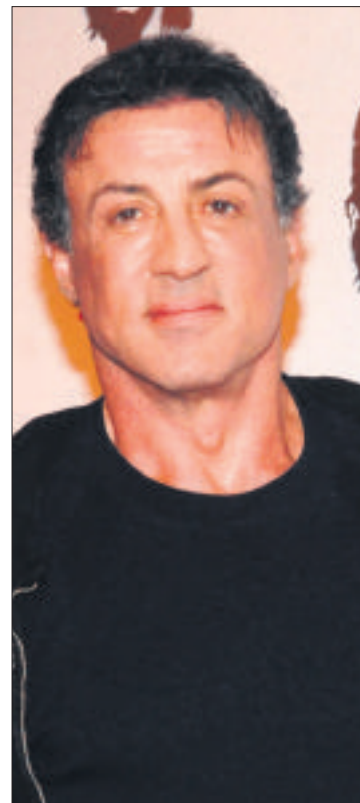
When a band of American missionaries are taken hostage up-river by a ruthless and sadistic army colonel and his soldiers, Rambo leads a group of mercenaries in a violent rescue mission into the war zone.

The film is gritty, the bloodiest of all the Rambo franchise and, set in a real-life conflict – Burma's bloody civil war has waged on since the country came under military rule in 1962 – it has an extra resonance, especially thanks to the opening segment featuring newsreel from last year's hideous events.

Depending on which reports you read, hundreds or thousands of peaceful Burmese protesters were killed – a number that includes many Buddhist monks.

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RAMBO: Sylvester Stallone revives a hero after 20 years

Knowing what a political hotbed it was, Stallone – who also wrote, directed and co-produced the film – was reluctant to attempt the project without doing the necessary research.

"We looked at The Free Burma Rangers a lot, hit all the websites and so on," he says, in his trademark drawl.

"There's an unbelievable amount of material available on the atrocities there, literally updated hour by hour. It's hard to believe the horrendous activity going on there and that it's publicised, but nobody does anything about it."

There is nothing light-hearted about Rambo, but if the viewing experience is a turbulent ride, it's nothing compared to what the actors and crew were going through off-screen.

"I didn't want to go to Northern Thailand to film because we were getting an abundant

amount of death threats," admits Stallone. "The Burmese police are insidious and work up and down the river near where we were."

"It was a very dangerous place, people were on saline drips all over the place," he says. "Even the bushes were dangerous. I wondered if there was anything around there that was nice. Even the butterflies were deadly. The biggest problem was the snakes, or maybe the centipedes, which were about a foot long!"

He sums up: "It was a tense situation and a very difficult film to make, but I'm glad we did it there and I'm so glad we got so many Burmese to be in the film. They were terrified, absolutely terrified of being in the film."



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## Powder runs to die for

BY GARETH LLEWELLYN

"THIS isn't the place for novices," barked the American ski guide rather aptly dubbed The General.

"This is for expert skiers and if you are struggling, we will have to pull you off the mountain because this is a day to rip it up," added the square-jawed, six-foot-plus slab of raw testosterone.

I was already weak-kneed before the rather stern induction speech inside a hut at 11,640 feet on top of Keystone's Dercum Mountain in Colorado.

I'd also been fitted with a 'transceiver' for the first time. This box-like device is strapped to your body and emits a signal so rescuers can find you, dead or alive, under a mass of snow, rocks, trees and anything else an avalanche cares to bring down the mountainside with it.

If I was going to back out, now was the time to do it. But having travelled thousands of miles for the privilege of a day of cat-skiing, cowardice was simply not an option.

Cat-skiing is named after the tank-like snowcat vehicles used to ferry skiers up and down the mountains to reach the parts the lifts cannot reach.

Over the last three years, the activity has really taken off in Keystone, a delightful resort positioned metaphorically and geographically in the shadows of its bigger and more prominent neighbours, Vail and Breckenridge.

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**SNOW GOOD:** Keystone's Dercum Mountain in Colorado is becoming increasingly popular for British skiers

ing several bowls, comprising more than 1,100 acres of steep and deep snowy terrain, not serviced by lifts.

This vast mountain wilderness was once only privy to skiers with legs of steel and the patience to undertake a lengthy hike. But now, thanks to a dedicated bunch of ski patrol staff and two trusty snowcats, powder runs to die for are yours for the ridiculously low price of \$8 a day.

At the current exchange rate, that roughly works out around £4 a run, as the excellent guides from Keystone Adventure Tours aim to get in as many as ten different runs per session.

Of course, it would be difficult to place an exact value on the pure pleasure of skiing on waist-deep virgin snow without a single person in your line of vision, but I would confidently estimate it to be much higher than £4 a run.

If you're new to off-piste skiing, it will take a little time to adjust to the sensation of manoeuvring through deep snow.

Once you've got it, you'll have forgotten about the harsh introduction speech at the beginning of the day and you'll be executing perfect turns and whizzing through the trees in this most picturesque of playgrounds.

The views from this high-altitude and isolated mountain tops are little short of breathtaking. Allied to just about the finest ski conditions I have ever had, the cat-skiing alone is worth the transatlantic jet-lag.

A fitting end to a magnificent day of skiing can be found at the Alpenglou Stube. At 11,444 feet at the top of Keystone's North Peak, the award-winning gourmet restaurant offers views of the Continental Divide and a roaring open fire place to blast the chill from your fingertips.

With the snow records of many European resorts faltering in recent winters and the favourable exchange rates in the US, the likes of Breckenridge, Vail and Keystone look set to become even more popular with the lucrative British ski market.

### FACT FILE: COLORADO

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Population	4.8 million
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Climate	Continental

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Gareth Llewellyn was a guest of Crystal Ski, which offers seven-night B&B stays from £697 (four sharing) in the Breckenridge Mountain Lodge, departing January 2008 including direct flights Gatwick-Denver, plus transfers or free rental car. Connecting flights avail at supp of £85 return from major regional airports.

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**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

**WATCH** out for big bills, tax demands, interest rates, or penalty fees. While you'll hate to fork out your hard-earned cash you may not have any choice. If you're hopelessly in debt, approach your creditors and discuss various solutions to the problem.

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**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

**INCREASED** responsibilities are weighing on your nerves. If you look for ways to assert yourself professionally and find a compromise that eases the burdens of domestic duty while opening the doors of fresh opportunities you will put yourself in poll position.

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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

**YOU** won't have half as much money as you need this week so you've got to economise. Admitting your financial shortcomings is much better than going into debt. Lean on a partner for consolation. They have wonderful advice on recouping your losses.

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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

**BEWARE** of using your friends to climb the ladder of success. If you're going to get a job or promotion, you need to rely on your own talents or you'll miss out the recognition and respect you deserve. This isn't a good week to challenge authority figures, either.

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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)

**LEGAL** difficulties and contractual complications could be a problem now. Try to settle disputes unofficially and as amicably as possible. Your natural resilience and resourcefulness is your greatest asset especially if you're looking to move home or change jobs.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)

**SPENDING** too much time at home could undermine career prospects. Stop torturing yourself with thoughts of what might have been. It's entirely possible that hidden opportunities rest in your current situation. An unexpected boost to your bank balance could come your way now.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

**IT'S** easy to lose confidence when you don't feel and look your best. Taking better care of yourself is essential. Pretty soon you'll be able to meet a whole host of challenges. Tasks that once took hours will fly by in minutes. It's easy to make progress when you're not doubting yourself.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

**YOU** could suffer a setback. At times like these, you need to ask for the support of your friends and family. If you've made mistakes, make an apology and then work to put things right. You'll have a chance to bring the truth to light. You make a good impression at a social event.

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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

**WORKING** conditions could get difficult. Colleagues could gang up on you, hidden enemies might sabotage your work, or your office hierarchy may be changing. If you can distance yourself from this chaos, do so. If not, find a healthy outlet for your frustrations.

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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

**GIVING** in to negative thinking will drive you into a rut. You've got to venture into familiar territory, even if it means taking a personal risk. Be willing to admit your lack of know-how about a complicated subject. A friend or colleague could step up to enlighten you.

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**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

**WE** all have our doubts and fears, but letting them get on top of you only stops you seeing the good things all around you. Be positive and constructive. The opportunities are there for the taking if you're confident enough to take them. Luckily you will see the big picture.

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)

**NARROW**-minded attitudes could be limiting. Someone is willing to share their knowledge with you. Passing up this opportunity is like throwing money down the drain. Never assume you know everything about a subject. Now is the time to cash in on developing trends.

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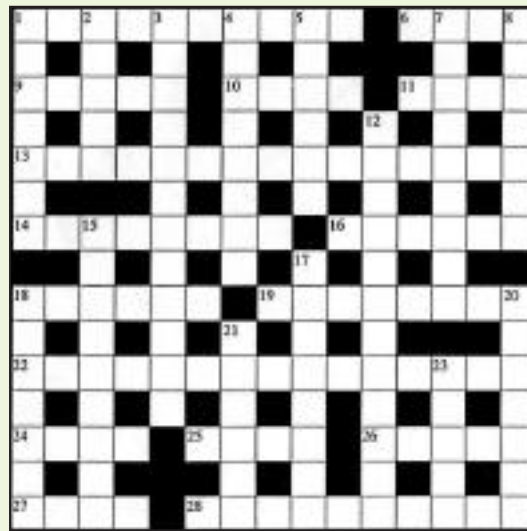
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- 13 Excellent author - or composer? (9,6)
- 14 To encase fancy wallet (8)
- 16 Crude fuel, poor grade inside before ten, it's flowing out (6)
- 18 Sea-air coming from hut (6)
- 19 Moment of launching postponed after there was some wind (5,3)
- 22 Resent having to accept second said thing that does not follow the general rule (4,9,2)
- 24 Look east, there's nothing in Cornish resort (4)
- 25 Most irate having to enter prison (4)
- 26 Order Ian rewrote outside for girl (5)
- 27 One step up the ladder (4)
- 28 Most curvaceous steel hasp I replaced (10)

#### DOWN

- 1 Arab member of north London rugby team? (7)
- 2 Rani converted a Nigerian currency (5)
- 3 Square-peaked cap dividing Lancashire? (12)
- 4 Cleo's new ideology an absurdity (8)
- 5 Artist, about four, full of energy (6)
- 7 I put Colin about - petty formality (9)
- 8 An hour in charge of deadly disease (7)
- 12 One paid for being experienced (12)
- 15 Find, after intensive search, that line is being repaired (5,4)
- 17 Applaud some mounting flashy display (8)
- 18 Solvent colonist? (7)
- 20 Florence ready initially with first grower (7)
- 21 Stop short (6)
- 23 'Ulster honour' she cried (5)

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### QUICK CLUES

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- 1 Island off Africa (10)
- 6 Horse's foot (4)
- 9 Town in NW Ireland (5)
- 10 Cycle of duty (4)
- 11 Oast (anag.) (4)
- 13 Not yet decided (2,3,7,3)
- 14 Battling (8)
- 16 Pothole (6)
- 18 Herder of cattle (6)
- 19 Armorial (8)
- 22 Something generally known (6,9)
- 24 Ale (4)
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- 27 Behindhand (4)

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- 12 Unmatched (12)
- 13 Darkest (9)
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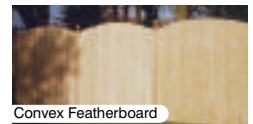
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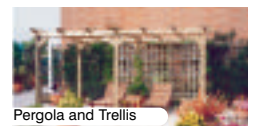
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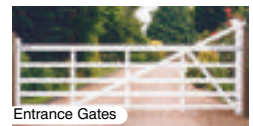
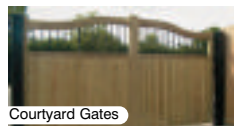
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## PICK OF THE WEEKEND

### BBC one

**SATURDAY: EUROVISION - YOU DECIDE (7pm):** Six hopefuls compete to fly the British flag, with a public vote deciding the overall winner.

**SUNDAY: LIFE IN COLD BLOOD (6pm):** Sir David Attenborough reveals the fascinating lives of snakes, the most misunderstood group of reptiles, and is also on the receiving end of a spitting cobra's 'weapons system'.

### BBC TWO

**SATURDAY: BIG JAKE (5.20pm):** Western about the avenging search for a kidnapped grandson. Big Jake sets off to deliver the ransom to the kidnappers but has little intention of handing it over without a fight.

**SUNDAY: TROPIC OF CAPRICORN (8pm):** Final stage of Simón's journey along the Tropic of Capricorn, the line that crosses South Africa, South America and Australia.

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**SATURDAY: ANT AND DEC'S SATURDAY NIGHT TAKEAWAY (6.45pm):** The Geordie boys present a fun-filled evening on their reinvented Saturday night entertainment show.

**SUNDAY: SOUTH BANK SHOW (11.15pm):** June Whitfield's TV career in comedy stretches back to the 1950s. Melvyn Bragg meets her on location in Yorkshire filming a new series of Last of the Summer Wine.

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**SATURDAY: GRAND DESIGNS REVISITED (8pm):** Kevin McCloud revisits two artists who purchased a derelict olive farm in Puglia, Italy, to convert it into a home for themselves.

**SUNDAY: WILLIE'S WONKY CHOCOLATE FACTORY (9pm):** Venezuelan farmer Willie Harcourt-Cooze attempts to produce the best chocolate in the world.

### five

**SATURDAY: FUNNY GIRL (2.25pm):** Spectacular switch from stage to screen for Streisand in her Broadway triumph as entertainer Fanny Brice.

**SUNDAY: THE SHARKMAN (7pm):** Documentary about South African diver Mike Rutzen, who is famous as a man who swims with great white sharks.

# Doctor's orders: spin-off should be exterminated

BY TOM BETTS

WHEN Russell T Davis and his BBC paymasters brought back Doctor Who in 2005, the reception from most was warm.

The fresh look, different approach and fine performances from then leading man Christopher Eccleston made good Saturday night fare.

Yet the series slipped quickly into the mire.

Before the project was given the chance to breathe and develop, by the time the second series and next – and current – Doctor, David Tennant, had arrived, the premise was sold off, profiteered from and slapped on the side of a plastic lunchbox.

The series had been revitalised, a British institution given the kiss of life, but The Man quickly took over, the charm was stripped away and the whole thing started to stink worse than Dad's old underpants.

So, it was with the general feeling that I'd rather share a bathtub with a Portuguese Man o' War that I sat down for an episode of Who spin-off Torchwood.

Thus far it was a bullet I'd managed to dodge, but it was with breath set to less-than-baited that I steered myself for the 60-minute running time.

Unfortunately, the diagnosis is not good, Doc.

In fact, the rumours about the awfulness are well founded. It's terminally bad.

Firstly, there's the cast, who over-act like their EastEnders bit-part futures depended on it and then there's the plot, which made about as much sense as bringing back Top of the Pops with Steve McLaren as the hip young host. It all had something to do with a series of



**FAKE:** Over-acting cast members make Doctor Who spin-off Torchwood as entertaining as pulling teeth, while Torchwood leading man John Barrowman does nothing to redeem the programme with his false laugh, says Tom Betts

murders in Cardiff, which inexplicably seems to be the first port of call for any hostile aliens with worldwide takeover plans nowadays.

But all this pales into insignificance when compared with the efforts of John Barrowman.

Fresh from pimping himself out to any chat or talent show that can contain his false laugh, he flounces about like a robotic loon as the over-earnest Captain Jack.

Dressed as if he's been given £200 to spend in the Topman vintage section, here is a character so devoid of charm, presence, or any kind of likeability, he makes Ian Beale seem like a Jack Nicholson charm-offensive.

Nevertheless, the odious, poor man's Tom Cruise shouted and stomped his way through the duration, with his wee gang of go-getters hanging on to his every forced word.

But it's not just Torchwood's ineptitude that

rankles, it's more the fact that the BBC has clearly spent a packet of licence-payers' money on this bobbins.

Spooks shows that the Beeb can do decent action dramas when they put their minds to it, but to recommission Torchwood, which, on this evidence, hasn't improved one jot since the critically ravaged first run, is unforgivable.

The show is, I understand, halfway through its run on BBC2, but do yourself a favour: spend an hour of your life doing something more worthwhile.

I can suggest running backwards into traffic, or playing with a kite near pylons.

Torchwood: File under 'Deadwood'.



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## Great live shows have exploded into **the ether**

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

YOURKENTTV'S new online music show *the ether* launches this week, showcasing a selection of the county's best artists.

A series of 12 live performances will take place over the next few months, with a new show released every Wednesday.

The programme features a huge selection of music from the sublime sound of solo guitarist Jon Woode to the blistering metal onslaught of *My Life in the Making*.

*Ether* director Paul Jerreat explained his eclectic approach to picking the musicians to appear: "I'm trying to show off a variety of acts, so expect hard rock, acoustic singer/songwriters, ska, hardcore metal and a sprinkling of psychedelic indie... oh and folk punk."

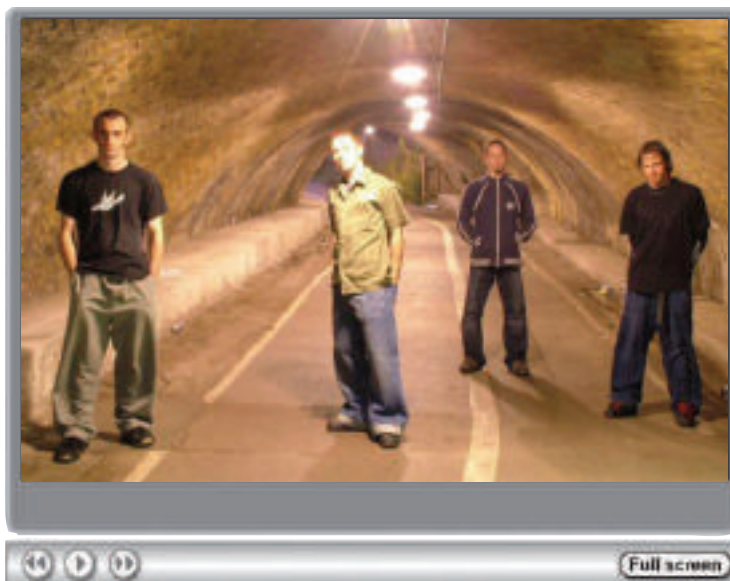
"Some of them are bands that I've seen playing live and been blown away by, but there are also some I've only just discovered in the course of planning the show."

"One thing I have discovered is that I'm not going to run out of talented acts in Kent; there are just so many to choose from."

Each episode sees the bands playing two songs live for the cameras, then answering questions in an interview conducted by *ether* presenter Charley Vines.

Despite the hours spent in the editing suite and the huge amount of organisation involved, Mr Jerreat says the project has been a hugely positive experience: "The bands themselves are all being enormously supportive and are helping out in any way they can. Also Charley helps make everything go smoothly with her extensive knowledge of the Kent music scene."

"Charley and I really enjoy watching the bands play, it's a massive privilege, but when



**VARIETY:** *My Life in the Making* are just one of the bands to be found on new online show *the ether*

we all sit down to chat it's always great. People who play music together have such a close relationship that it's always fun to glimpse each band's unique sense of humour."

Mr Jerreat previously worked as a freelance photographer documenting live gigs around Kent for various newspapers.

He said: "I've been away from the Kent music scene for a couple of years now and I

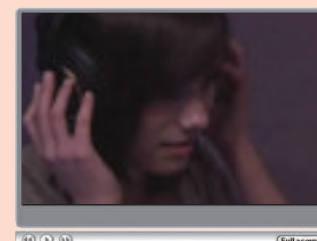
must admit that upon getting involved again I have found that some of my favourite venues and regular gigs have been shut down. Not to mention that some of my favourite bands have called it a day, including Gravesend punks 3Dbs Down.

"But I think things just change and I've found there are plenty of people still working to make the Kent music scene work."

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## BIRTHS

### BALDOCK

Stewart and Anita of Horsmonden are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Liberty Ariana Baldock born 25th January 2008 weighing 7lb 10oz.

### BENNETT

Katie and Adrian of Herne Bay are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Pippa Madeleine, born on 8th February 2008 at QEQM, Margate.

### BRACKENBOROUGH

David and Kirsti Brackenborough of Margate celebrate the birth of their son Jack David Brackenborough on 28th January 2008. A brother to Grace-Jayne.

### BROWN

Charlie and Sarah of Goudhurst are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Helena Megan Brown born 28th January 2008 weighing 6lb 5oz.

### CAMPION

Isabel Jessie born on 12th February 2008, weighing 7lb 5oz. Daughter to Darren and Lyndsey in Ramsgate.

### CLARK

Sarah and Paul Clark of Staplehurst celebrate the birth of their daughter Sophie Anne Clark on 7th February 2008.

### CLOKE

Nathan, Hayley and Naomi Cloke celebrate the birth of Abigail Jade on 3rd February 2008.

### COLLINS

Layne & Katie of Bromley are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Amelia Grace on January 31st, weighing 7lb 6oz. First grandchild for Christine and Glenn of Broadstairs.

### COURTNEY

Amanda Steadman and Dan Courtney are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby boy Samuel Jimi Philip Courtney born on 13/01/08 at 10:41pm weighing at 7lb 3oz.

### DAVISON

Reece Darren born on 30th January 2008 in Ashford Brother to Lydia and Keira son to Lisa and Robert.

### DELVES

Peter and Jeni Delves of Tunbridge Wells are delighted to announce the birth of their son Archie Pierson Delves born 8th February 2008 weighing 8lb 15oz.

### DIXON

Skye Rose Dixon born 6th February 2008 weighing 8lb 3oz. Love from Mummy and Daddy x x x

### DOHERTY

James and Lynn are delighted to announce the birth of their gorgeous son George Alexander Doherty, who was born at Darent Valley Hospital on 4th February 2008. George was born at 1.20am weighing 7lb 4oz.

### GIBBS

Welcome to the world Summer Louise born on 24th January 2008 weighing 6lb 3oz. A beautiful daughter for Tom and Hazel a baby sister for Angel.

### GIBSON

Bram and Abi are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Anastasia Ruth. She was born on the 14th January 2008 at 1.10pm and weighed 7lb 14oz.

### GILLMORE

Oliver William born on 8th February 2008, weighing 8lb 7oz. Son to Sophie and Christopher Gillmore of West Malling.

### IBBOTSON

Jessica and Paul Ibbotson celebrate the birth of their son Henry Paul Ibbotson on the 7th February 2008 at the QEQM.

### IBIDAPO

Phillips and Marjory celebrate the birth of their Daughter Tashinga Rachel Oluwayemisi, born on 12th February 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital, weighing 6lb 13oz.

### KIRBY

Katrina and Benjamin Kirby of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Jaiden Alan John Kirby on 10th February 2008.

### LINE

Sharon and Les Line of Larkfield celebrate the birth of their son Haydon Miles Line on the 11th February 2008 weighing 8lb 11oz.

### MACLEAN

Ali and Jo Maclean of Tunbridge Wells are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Ellen Aimee Maclean born 11th February 2008 weighing 7lb 13oz.

### McKENDRICK

Ian and Kirsty are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Isabel Kaitlyn on the 14th January 2008 at Darent Valley hospital weighing 6lb 2oz.

### MEWETT

Harry born on 25th January 2008, weighing 7lb 7oz. Son to Janet and Timothy Mewett in Maidstone.

### O'NEIL

Colin and Claire of Brookland are delighted to announce the birth of their son Thomas Stewart Callen, born on 25th January 2008, weighing 5lb 15oz.

### ORR - LANG

Charlie George John born on 15th February 2008, weighing 6lb 15oz. Son to Raymond and Tara in Ramsgate

### PARRY

Rowan Gene born on 7th February 2008, weighing 8lb 3oz. A son to Vincent and Alexandra of Faversham and a brother for Sophia.

### RICHARDSON

Ella was born on the 28th January 2008 weighing 9lb 14oz. Daughter to Peter and Barbara Richardson.

### RIGDEN

Charlotte Georgia born on 11th February 2008, weighing 7lb 13oz. Daughter to Felicity and Jonathan in Whitfield. A sister for Rachael and Jamie.

### ROCHFORD

Louise and Chris are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Ilyana Jessica Louise at Pembury Hospital on 2nd of January 2008.

### SMITH

Calvin and Sophie are delighted to announce the birth of their baby boy Jenson Edward Smith born on the 10th February 2008.

### STEWART

Marvin and Katie (nee Doddington) celebrate the birth of their son Nathaniel Marcus Stewart born on the 12th February 2008.

### SUMMERS

Scott and Lisa Summers of Five Oak Green are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Ruby Mary Anne Summers born 9th February 2008 weighing 6lb 15oz.

### WILSON

Dulcie Charlene born on 7th February 2008 weighing 8lb. A beautiful daughter for Henry and Charlene, baby sister for Henry-Lee.

### WOTTON

James and Kerry Wotton of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Hannah Susan Jane on 11th February 2008, weighing 7lb 3oz.

## DEATHS

### ADE

John Ade of Littlebourne, died suddenly on 14th February 2008 at home aged 83 years. Will be sadly missed by all who

knew him, wife Sheila, Children Carol, Debbie, John, Clive, Jane and all the grandchildren. Cremation at Barham 2pm Tuesday 26th February 2008. Family flowers only, donations to Cancer Research UK, c/o C. W. Lyons and Sons Ltd, Canterbury.

### CORSBIE-FABES

Sylvia Corsbie-Fabes of The Royal British Legion Village in Aylesford passed away peacefully after a long illness on 8th February 2008, aged 81.

### FAGG

Joyce Evelyn Fagg, passed away suddenly on 14th February 2008. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. For funeral details contact Earl and Co 01233 620522.

### GREGORY

Arthur Edward died at the William Harvey Hospital on 10th February 2008. Will be sadly missed by his wife Jean, all his family and friends.

### KENWARD

Vanessa Lynn Kenward of Maidstone passed away at The Heart of Kent Hospice on 18th February 2008, aged 37. Enquiries to Pickard and Beale, Maidstone 01622 677155.

### PASCALL

David William Pascall of Dover passed away peacefully on 17th February 2008. To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

### SCAMP

John William George died peacefully at the William Harvey Hospital on 13th February 2008, aged 75. Will be sadly missed by his wife Annie, and all his family and friends.

### SWIFT

Brian Leslie Swift passed away peacefully on 18th February 2008 after a long and hard fought illness. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Enquiries to funeral director Co-Op Dartford.

### WARNER

Joseph Warner passed away on 13th February 2008. Enquiries to Cavells Funerals 01304 373275.

### WOODWARD

Walter Henry passed away on 13th February 2008. Enquiries to Palmers Funerals Ramsgate 01843 592720.

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Experiment online in interior design

A NEW website which allows house-holders to create a virtual interior design make-over in order to view their options has just been launched.

Mydeco is the latest venture by Martha Lane Fox and Brent Hoberman, who made their names when they founded ticketing, entertainment and leisure site Lastminute.com.

The new site allows people to create a virtual version of their home, enabling them to experiment online with all aspects of design – paint, wallpaper, flooring, furniture and lighting – and buy them through the site.

It is interactive as well – other users can comment on your virtual room, suggest ideas and even, if they are sufficiently inspired, buy one of the items of furniture in it themselves – giving you a cut.

Mr Hoberman said: "Between 50 and 60 per cent of people need pictorial representation of something to visualise it."

### Landlords, are you going green yet?

A DAY never passes without someone talking about strategies for protecting the planet.

Energy efficiency is a hot topic for landlords, along with the impact of the impending Energy Performance Certificates for rented accommodation as required by the European Directive adopted in 2001.

Many of them are asking if it is worth investing in making improvements now, before the legislation is implemented next autumn.

Tina Nicholls, operations manager of Ashton Burkinshaw, said: "New regulations already apply to houses in multiple occupancy and we expect that by this autumn all rental properties will need Energy Performance Certificates."

"If landlords are refurbishing they should consult their local Building Regulations Officer with a view to making changes now."

Key points to bear in mind are:

- Cavity wall and loft insulation are very cost-effective measures to improve energy efficiency.

- If replacing a boiler over 15 years old, you need a high efficiency condensing boiler, preferably linked to modern heating controls.

- A combi boiler saves space as well as energy.

- Replace appliances with ones displaying Energy Saving Recommended logo.



**UNDER REVIEW:** The review of practices in lending 100 per cent-plus mortgages was prompted after the well-publicised difficulties that Northern Rock ran into recently

# Lenders look to axe the mega-mortgage

■ BY NICK AMES

**MORTGAGES** which let people borrow more than the value of their home are on the way out.

Before Christmas, a third of lenders offered mortgages of 100 per cent or more – but now just one in ten do so.

The 125 per cent mortgages are often taken out by desperate young first-time buyers and cash-strapped divorcees who require the extra money for stamp duty, legal fees, decorating and other costs, but are instantly plunged into negative equity because the value of their home is less than the size of their loan.

Now mortgage companies have appeared to accept that lending such sums is wrong.

Experts say there are two reasons for this – lenders themselves are struggling to raise money for loans, and they are worried about

handing it over to the highest-risk borrowers.

Mega-mortgages have become common only over the last decade, fuelled by people's desperation to get on to the property ladder before prices soared further out of reach.

Industry sources estimate up to 20,000 loans every year have been handed out to people borrowing 100 per cent or more.

Alliance & Leicester was the first to make the move, axing its "Plus Mortgage" range which offered up to 125 per cent of the house value.

Then Abbey, the second-biggest mortgage lender, and Coventry Building Society, said they will scrap their deals.

Despite the gloomy recent economic forecasts there was a rebound in mortgage lending during January with total advances jumping

by 11 per cent.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders said £26.5 billion was lent during the month, up from £23.92 billion in December and in line with the figure for January last year.

The review of practices in lending mortgages was prompted by the difficulties Northern Rock ran into.

Louise Cuming, head of mortgages at moniesupermarket.com, said: "There's absolutely no doubt Northern Rock was walking a seriously risky tightrope."

"They were offering mortgages of four or five times the applicant's income."

"People who have borrowed a lot for their mortgages often don't stop there, and may have gone on to acquire other unsecured debts."

"There will undoubtedly be some who won't be able to rehouse elsewhere."

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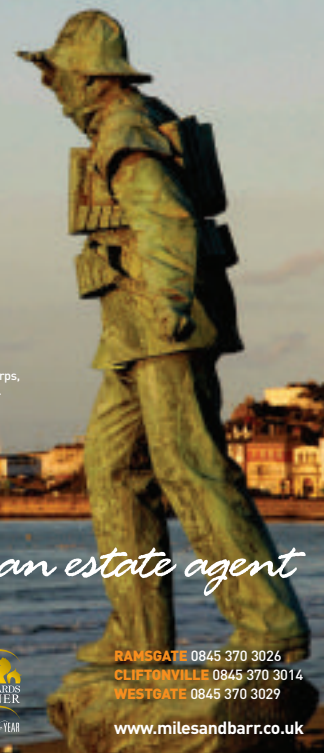
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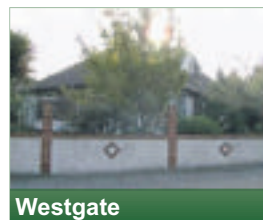
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- 2 bedroom separate dining room & conservatory
- Large corner plot with ample parking

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**Cliftonville**

- Two Bedrooms
- Beautiful Avenue location
- No chain

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**Broadstairs**

- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- Large Kitchen

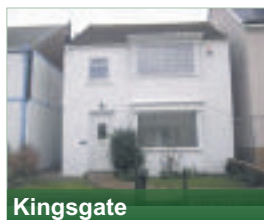
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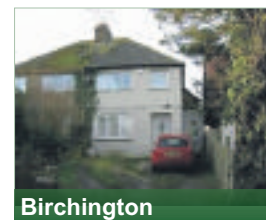
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**Ramsgate**

- Close to the sea front
- Three bedrooms
- Original features

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**Birchington**

- Semi rural location with outstanding views
- Extended 3 bed semi
- OSP & approx 60ft garden

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- Family sized Kitchen Diner

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**Ramsgate**

- Move Straight in!
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Popular Location

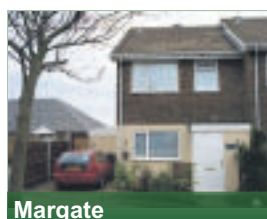
.....OIEO £155,000



**Cliftonville**

- Retirement Flat
- 2 Bedrooms
- Recently built

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**Margate**

- Three bedrooms
- Off street parking
- Conservatory

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**Birchington**

- Approx 3 year old detached park home
- Beautiful surroundings approx 400 yards from village
- 2 Bedrooms, double glazing & OSP

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**Birchington**

- 2 bedroom purpose built apartment
- Allocated parking & no onward chain!
- Approx. 150 yards from the sea

.....£149,950



**Margate**

- Three bedrooms
- Versatile accommodation
- Town centre location

.....OIEO £140,000



**Cliftonville**

- Luxury two bedroom flat
- Large lounge
- Recently converted

.....£139,995



**Ramsgate**

- Budget can't stretch to a Bungalow
- Ground floor Manyweather Maisonette
- 2 Beds, Garage & garden

.....£129,000



**Birchington**

- Larger than usual managed retirement apartment
- Lovely wooded setting
- Approx.150 yards to village

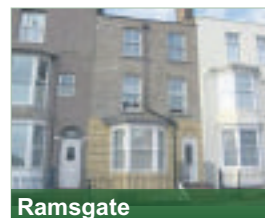
.....OIEO £110,500



**Ramsgate**

- Fantastic 2 Bed Flat
- Managed retirement complex
- No onward chain

.....£105,000



**Ramsgate**

- Recently Refurbished Flat
- Close to Town & Harbour
- Perfect First Purchase or Holiday Flat

.....£99,950



**Cliftonville**

- 2 Bedrooms
- Currently being refurbished
- Ground floor

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**Margate**

- Centrally located flat
- Only 5 years old
- Good condition, off street parking

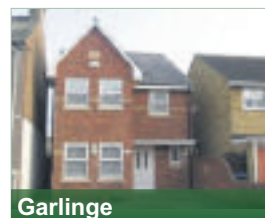
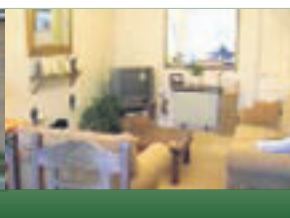
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**Birchington**

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- 1 bed ground floor apartment
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- Viewing Essential
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- Massive Rooms, approx 90' rear garden

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Advertorial

# Important news for Homebuyers

With interest rates dropping and our financial year end fast approaching, now is the time to buy at Millwood's coastal collection that includes its spectacular St Augustine's Park development in Westgate-on-Sea, as well as the exclusive Upton Grange in Broadstairs.

St Augustine's Park offers a range of family homes and contemporary apartments that have proved through continued sales success to be the best new address in the area. Upton Grange is a select collection of 4 & 5 bedroom detached homes that has also seen off-plan sales.

## Incentives tailored for you...

With Spring rapidly approaching, now is the time to buy to guarantee a Summer in these two fantastic Kentish locations. Furthermore as it is our year end, to make the homes even more inviting, Millwood is offering a range of incentives, from £650 paid towards a purchaser's mortgage every month for a year, to Part Exchange.\*

## Don't miss out on a hassle free move!

By reserving one of the beautiful houses at St Augustine's Park or Upton Grange, you could Part Exchange\* your existing home, meaning you can enjoy a hassle-free move and can be safe in the knowledge that Millwood is your guaranteed buyer\*. Furthermore, the scheme means there will be no chains collapsing at the last minute, as well as no estate agents fees or HIP pack to prepare and pay for\*, leaving you with more money to spend on your new home.



Homes at St Augustine's Park

## An incentive perfect for first time buyers...

Alternatively, buyers have the chance to receive £650 paid towards their mortgage every month for a whole year\* if they reserve one of the apartments at St Augustine's Park, leaving them with much more money to spend on themselves.

## Exclusive family properties...

Situated on Lymington Road, St Augustine's Park offers purchasers an eclectic mix of properties with something for everyone. Millwood has created an idyllic new community, which is the epitome of timeless elegance and the diverse range of architecture that can be seen throughout the scheme demonstrates this.

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## Welcome to coastal living...

St Augustine's Park is one mile from the centre of this charming seaside village, which offers the best of both worlds for those looking for a coastal retreat, whilst still being within easy reach of the motorway network and London.

Situated on Vale Road, Upton Grange is within easy reach of the beach and historic town centre with its street cafes, unique antique shops and stylish boutiques, as well as reputable schools.



Broadstairs



An interior at St Augustine's Park



## Advertorial



Show Home at Upton Grange

### Sales success!

Millwood is currently selling phase three of St Augustine's Park, with phases one and two all sold. The sales success has continued to rise as more people are wanting to live at this premier new address. Furthermore, four of the eleven homes at Upton Grange have been reserved since their recent launch and purchasers are urged to view both development to ensure they don't miss out.

### A chance to view...

Apartments at St Augustine's Park are priced from £175,000 and houses are priced from £290,000, and there are limited opportunities, so contact the Marketing Suite and Show Home, which is open daily from 10am-5pm, on 01843 836901.

Prices at Upton Grange are from £440,000 and for further information, please contact the Marketing Suite and Show Home on 01843 862301.

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An interior at Upton Grange

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### FORDWICH

A detached, modern family house in a cul-de-sac location with four bedrooms, sitting room, dining area, kitchen, study and cloakroom. Detached double garage, delightful mature, enclosed rear garden.

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### DARGATE

A detached converted chapel in the heart of this rural village. Comprising sitting/dining room with vaulted ceiling, garden room, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, further bedroom, bathroom, bedroom 3/study, utility room, cloakroom. Gravelled driveway providing parking, interesting enclosed garden.

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### MONKTON

A semi detached cottage. Sitting room, dining room, pantry, kitchen, bathroom and three bedrooms. Gardens to front, side and rear. Planning consent for a two storey extension.

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### WARE

An older detached farmhouse having far reaching views across farmland to the rear. Sitting room, dining room, kitchen, lobby, utility room, cloakroom, three bedrooms and bathroom. Gardens to the front and rear, driveway with turning circle and garage. Gardens and grounds extend in all to approximately 1 acre.

GUIDE PRICE £425,000



### MINSTER

A detached bungalow situated near the centre of the village with accommodation comprising sitting room, fitted kitchen, conservatory, two bedrooms and bathroom. There are gardens to front and rear, and driveway providing parking.

£265,000



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**Margate** **£154,995**

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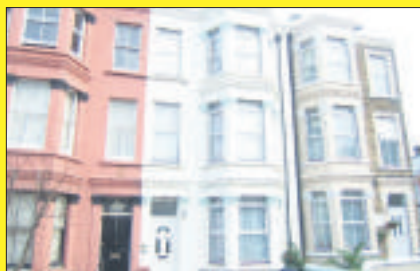
**Birchington** **£214,995**

- Three Bedrooms
- Rural Location, C/H & D/G
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory • OSP For 2 Cars



**Margate** **Prices From £215,000**

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- Approx 65ft Garden • Must View!



**Minnis Bay** **£325,000**

- 3-4 Bedrooms • 2-3 Reception Rooms
- Minnis Bay Location • Off Street Parking
- Modern Fitted Kitchen • 2 Bathrooms
- Brand New • Show Home



**Kingsgate** **£359,500**

- Kingsgate Location • Double Glazing
- Gas Fired Central Heating • Additional Shower Room
- Landscaped Rear Garden • Off Street Parking
- Garage • Sea At End Of The Road



**Cliftonville** **£600,000**

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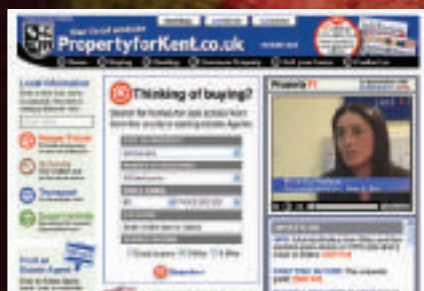
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Hi I'm 33, from Canterbury, non-worker as have heart problems, looking to meet someone who's kind, honest, loving and affectionate for romantic times. Box 430785

**CANTERBURY TALE**  
Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, trustworthy male for friendship. Box 406670

**RAMSAY REVIVAL**  
Honest, single, 40, 5ft6, blue eyes, 5ft11, loves to go out and stay in with good company, owns etc. WLM, similar male, for friendship and more. Box 927816

**SECURE FUTURE**  
Honest, caring lady, attractive, from Tisbury, 37, hazel eyes, curly, 5ft6, with a GSOH, many interests, clubs, cooking, cosy nights, looking for stocky male, 35-45. Box 424364

**ATTRACTIONAL BRUNETTE**  
Fun-loving, affectionate brunet, 42, 5ft2, 12, NS, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit, seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814372

**A FINE ROMANCE**  
Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, winning, seeks similar male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071

**READ ALL ABOUT IT**  
Pleasant, sociable woman, 44, away blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DTV, swimming, travelling, WLM, NS, man to share things with. Box 426992

**LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING NEW PEOPLE**  
45 year old female, has 2 dogs, works full time, likes horse riding, gardening, walks, socialising, enjoys eating out, cinema, good conversation. Box 435464

**IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT**  
44yr female, blonde hair, 5ft6, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with. Box 428910

**NICE AND LOVING**  
44yr female, 5ft5, brown hair, slimmed down, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone. Box 413446

**DON'T PASS ME BY**  
Lovely bubbly fun-loving woman, 45, 5ft4, GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating out, own home/care, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 895928

**ON A PLATE**  
Caring, honest, 46yr old female, 5ft2, eyes of red, blonde hair, likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLM, male for fun and friendship. Box 895928

**NO GAME PLAYERS!**  
Female, 46, seeks honest, warm, sincere, intelligent, and good-looking male with no hang-ups about kids for friendship and hoping for more. Box 158956

**ALL THAT I NEED**  
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving, outgoing, NS, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833

**MAKE ME GIGGLE**  
Attractive 39yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curly physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, in, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893

**GET IT TOGETHER**  
Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5ft4, average build, hazel puppy dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 895954

**MUST HAVE GSOH AND BE ABLE TO COOK!**  
Down-to-earth, kind and caring, separatist, strong-willed Scottish mum, 39, looking for fun, tactile, cute and considerate male who likes noise and chaos. Box 867191

**THE WONDER OF YOU**  
38yr old single mum, slim, long hair, love rock music, concerts, blues, in need of romance, love and respect. Box 897114

**R U THE 1?**  
Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge, seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 431307

**HAPPY TIMES**  
35yr old woman, looking to share happy moments with loving, caring guy around 35-40. Does that sound like you? Box 433380

**ROMANCE IS ALIVE**  
Divorced, lively mum of 4, GSOH, enjoys time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930

**SECOND THAT EMOTION**  
I'm an attractive, dark-haired female, 36, who enjoys cinema, coffees, theatre and socialising, seeking a fun, caring, considerate, romantic gent, for a chat and more. Box 348607

**TRUST MATTERS**  
Independent, professional female, 35, 5ft7, fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and loyal male to share life with. Box 901771

**TRAVEL HAPPY**  
Midway female, 36, 5ft6, blue/green eyes, slim, likes dancing, amateur dramatics, walks, much more, looking for someone who could make me laugh, for possible relationship. Box 434372

**WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM LIFE?**  
35-year old female, divorced with no children, brunet, loves travel, music, cinema, nice meals, theatre, cros, salsa, seeking someone for dates and more. Rainham. Box 434374

**NICE SMILE???**  
Single 38yr old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5ft5, cuddly build, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431286

**SEIZE THE DAY**  
Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, like socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

**NICE PERSONALITY**  
Large, bubbly lady, 37, 5ft8", like country walks, seaside, bird watching, all music, looking for that special male for good times. Box 435619

**PRETTY WOMAN WANTS HER RICHARD GERE**  
Hi I'm 37, 5ft6, mousey long hair, grey eyes, NS, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, bird-watching, seeking kind, tactile, n's gent, possibly romantic! Box 435674

**DON'T PASS ME BY**  
Cute, single mum of 4, 37, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897985

**HUGS AND LAUGHS AND CUDDLES**  
Honest, sincere female, 38, goth, live with my children, love a laugh, looking for friendship and hugs with a nice gent. Box 896465

**YOUR TIME IS COMING**  
38yr old bubbly, affectionate woman with a lively personality, 5ft5, like reading, walks, looking for a friendly chap, good times and more. Box 435684

**FOOTBALL FANATIC**  
Dark-based lady, 43, divorced, brunet, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384

**MEN ONLY, NO MICE!**  
Hi Jackie, 43, 5ft11, blue eyes brown hair, single mum, love going out, reading, cycling, music, enjoy male company and seeking 27-45yr old, for companionship. Box 435684

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Fun-loving, affectionate brunet, 42, 5ft2, 12, NS, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit, seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814372

**A FINE ROMANCE**  
Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, winning, seeks similar male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071

**READ ALL ABOUT IT**  
Pleasant, sociable woman, 44, away blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DTV, swimming, travelling, WLM, NS, man to share things with. Box 426992

**LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING NEW PEOPLE**  
45 year old female, has 2 dogs, works full time, likes horse riding, gardening, walks, socialising, enjoys eating out, cinema, good conversation. Box 435464

**IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT**  
44yr female, blonde hair, 5ft6, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with. Box 428910

**NICE AND LOVING**  
44yr female, 5ft5, brown hair, slimmed down, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone. Box 413446

**DON'T PASS ME BY**  
Lovely bubbly fun-loving woman, 45, 5ft4, GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating out, own home/care, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 895928

**ON A PLATE**  
Caring, honest, 46yr old female, 5ft2, eyes of red, blonde hair, likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLM, male for fun and friendship. Box 895928

**NO GAME PLAYERS!**  
Female, 46, seeks honest, warm, sincere, intelligent, and good-looking male with no hang-ups about kids for friendship and hoping for more. Box 158956

**ALL THAT I NEED**  
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving, outgoing, NS, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833

**MAKE ME GIGGLE**  
Attractive 39yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curly physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, in, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893

**GET IT TOGETHER**  
Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5ft4, average build, hazel puppy dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 895954

**MUST HAVE GSOH AND BE ABLE TO COOK!**  
Down-to-earth, kind and caring, separatist, strong-willed Scottish mum, 39, looking for fun, tactile, cute and considerate male who likes noise and chaos. Box 867191

**THE WONDER OF YOU**  
38yr old single mum, slim, long hair, love rock music, concerts, blues, in need of romance, love and respect. Box 897114

**R U THE 1?**  
Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge, seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 431307

**HAPPY TIMES**  
35yr old woman, looking to share happy moments with loving, caring guy around 35-40. Does that sound like you? Box 433380

**ROMANCE IS ALIVE**  
Divorced, lively mum of 4, GSOH, enjoys time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930

**SECOND THAT EMOTION**  
I'm an attractive, dark-haired female, 36, who enjoys cinema, coffees, theatre and socialising, seeking a fun, caring, considerate, romantic gent, for a chat and more. Box 348607

**TRUST MATTERS**  
Independent, professional female, 35, 5ft7, fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and loyal male to share life with. Box 901771

**TRAVEL HAPPY**  
Midway female, 36, 5ft6, blue/green eyes, slim, likes dancing, amateur dramatics, walks, much more, looking for someone who could make me laugh, for possible relationship. Box 434372

**WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM LIFE?**  
35-year old female, divorced with no children, brunet, loves travel, music, cinema, nice meals, theatre, cros, salsa, seeking someone for dates and more. Rainham. Box 434374

**SAMTINES YOU NEED A MAN**  
Sammy, 40 (post), single mum of 4, independent, own house, hard-working, seeking loyal, happy-go-lucky (like me), easygoing male for fun and maybe relationship. Box 435686

**YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL**  
Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLM a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102

**JOIN ME BABY**  
Fun-loving, vivacious woman, early 40s, enjoys dining out, walking, cinema, looking for a confident man with GSOH, n's for friendship & maybe more. Box 895988

**OUTGOING,**  
Single, large built, tall lady, aged 43, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's go. Box 895908

**STRIKE ME!**  
42, 5ft7, slim build, down-to-earth, normal love bowling, cinema, clubs, seeking a male 40-55 for friendship and possibly romance. Box 436163

**HAPPY NATURE**  
42yr old outgoing female, 5ft4", brown hair, green eyes, medium build, enjoys cinema, meals out, seeking a friendly male for nice times. Box 435451

**Hard-working female, 41, 5ft4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 430384**

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**READY TO START AGAIN**  
Hi, I'm 39, 48, 5ft2, dark hair/eyes, divorced, enjoys nights out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection and TLC. Box 920298

**GUT DEEPER**  
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55, Dover. Box 435938

**STOP THE SHAKES!**  
Hello, 49yr old female, 5ft3, blonde, nervous/outgoing, love music, socialising, simple things in life, seeking a male to look after and settle down with. Box 436633

**THE ONE!**  
Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5ft2, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests. Box 435938

**BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD**  
Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 45-55 for friendship. Box 909974

**ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?**  
Lucky, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433885

**BIG HEART**  
New to the area, I'm female, 50, with blonde hair/eyes, 5ft7, seeking nice, outgoing guy who likes meals out, travel, nights in. Box 437028

**PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!**  
Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5ft8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating out, WLM fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5ft10", to share life. Box 156367

**LAST CHANCE!**  
Friendly, understanding female, 51, large build, WLM, genuine, loving male, 46-58, for lasting, loving relationship. Faversham. Box 399271

**IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED...**  
Hello, I'm 53, 5ft11, brown eyes, grey hair, a widow, been hurt badly recently so looking for my soulmate, enjoys walks, socialising and more. Box 436991

**LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE AGAIN**  
Hello, I'm 53, 5ft11, green eyes, greying hair, a widow, been hurt badly recently so looking for my soulmate, enjoys walks, socialising and more. Box 437251

**ARE WE SOUL MATES?**  
53yr old bubbly lady, 6ft, like meals out, staying in, looking for a caring man to share life's ups and downs. Box 435768

**SMART MOVE**  
Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship, leading to hopefully more. Box 430654

**DEAL?**  
Box, 55yrs young, 5ft, cuddly, honest, easygoing, GSOH, enjoys reading, films and a glass of wine! seeking like-minded male, Deal area, for friendship, perhaps more. Box 895968

**NOT ASKING FOR MUCH**  
Fun loving, bubbly, tactile lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous, seeking a like-minded man. Box 903560

**LIKE TO ENJOY LIFE**  
Happy-go-lucky female, 57, likes nice walks, pubs/clubs, quite nights in, loves children and animals, seeking an honest, caring man. Box 433808

**LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE**  
Divorced female, 50s, 5ft4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more. Box 434901

**LOOK HERE**  
Hi, I'm an attractive 57yr old widow, love animals, holidays and home life, seeking male 58-70 for friendship and then go for more. Box 437078

**FRIENDLY RETIRED LADY, 70, 5ft2", average build, silver/brown hair, happy, cheerful, likes meeting people, computing, reading, walking, WLM, seeks tallish, good-tempered male, 65-73. Box 895972**

**LOVE ANYTHING FUN?**  
Hello there, I'm 71, 5ft11, naturally blonde, size 12, enjoys animals and socialising, company and pubs, painting, reading, WLM a male, preferably with hair! Box 437085

**COULD IT BE MAGIC?**  
Hi, I'm 58, blonde hair, blonde, medium build, OHAC, GSOH, love most things in life. Normandy. PHONE FROM KENT. Box 438409

**PLANNED TO LEAVE CON-TACT!**  
Box 434360

**WOMEN**  
seeking women  
Love to laugh  
Loving, young 57yr old female with a kind heart and passion for life, short dark hair, blue eyes, like music, socialising, seeks a like-minded female. Box 431177

**SNAP ME UP**  
Attractive, feminine female, 37, petite, professional, thoughtful, witty, enjoys Sunning, travel, dancing, seeks similar, genuine female, for friendship/relationship. Rochester. Box 411186

**PASSIONATE SCORPIO**  
Cuddly, bubbly female, 46, blue eyes, very feminine, loves music, animals, reading, writing, stars, very genuine, meals out, seeking boy for friendship. Box 434362

**WRITTEN IN THE STARS**  
Capricorn female, 48, 5ft7, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal love, into DTV, sports, reading, WLM someone in Maidstone area. Box 434547

**DANCING IN THE STREET**  
Young Sagittarian, 52 year old, brunet, likes music, dancing, eating out, seeking like-minded bubbly female, for fun and more. Box 435191

**SAVING ALL MY LOVE**  
Young, 57yr old modern female widow, slim build, enjoys nights out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection and TLC. Box 920298

**PUT SPARK INTO LIFE**  
Happy, contented solvent lady, 59, NS, living in the country near Hythe, seeks gentleman of similar disposition and means. Box 897822

**THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT**  
Widowed woman, 61, no ties, positive outlook, kind nature with GSOH, like the usual things and would like to find a male counterpart. Box 431210

**KEEPEE DANCING**  
Brunette lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first, any age considered. Interests: dancing walking, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 432246

**DON'T PASS ME BY**  
Down 61 year old, 5ft6, medium build, brown hair/eyes, very happy-go-lucky, likes dancing, walks, eating out. I'm very adaptable. Box 895987

**EXPERIENCE ALL THAT'S BEST**  
Divorced lady, 61, NS, medium build, loves movies, classic music, comedy, restaurants, cooking, gardening, reading, diving, seeks tactile man, for something special. Box 434885

**SHALL WE DANCE?**  
Blonde lady, 60's, 5ft7, slim, NS, likes holidays, dancing, 60's music and country & western. WLM tall, sincere gent. Box 895970

**HAVE A GIGGLE WITH ME**  
65yr old young-at-heart widow, 5ft5, slim, GSOH, enjoys golf, theatre, music, reading and more. WLM kind, honest male for friendship, possibly more. Box 436430

**QUITE A CATCH**



## MOTORS NEWS



### Chevy's quality Aveo

VALUE champ Chevrolet launches a new supermini onto the market in May.

The Aveo (above) replaces the current Kalos line-up, initially in five-door form with a three-door arriving shortly.

Prices have yet to be announced, but expect them to be ultra-competitive in line with the US brand's bid to go global with its tradition of everyday motoring.

But while it should be cheap, 'Chevy' says the Aveo will be more high class inside than the now dated Kalos.

'Soft-touch' quality plastics and improved fabrics are promised as well as a lively new fuel-efficient 84PS/83bhp 1.2-litre petrol engine and a 98PS/97bhp 1.4-litre unit.



### New Accord aims high

HONDA will pitch its all-new Accord at the likes of Mercedes, BMW and Audi when it arrives in the spring.

The Japanese brand's engine technology is already up with those German premium brands, but Honda is also claiming better chassis dynamics than before.

The new car's styling is an evolution of the current car, although increased width and a lower stance accentuated by bigger wheel arches make it more muscular looking – most noticeable on the new Tourer or estate.



### New Suzuki ready to make big price splash

SUZUKI'S all-new Splash mini-MPV cum city car goes on sale on March 8 from £8,999 for the 1.2 GLS entry model.

But £500 more buys you the £9,499, 1.2 GLS+ flagship, adding 15-inch alloys, front foglamps and privacy glass on the rear side windows and tailgate.

Both have an 85bhp 1.2-litre petrol engine with five-speed gearbox, but the GLS+ can be specified with a four-speed automatic for £10,349.

Combined fuel consumption is 51.4mpg for the manual and 47.9mpg for the auto



**HANDSOME BEAST:** Prices for the Audi A3 Sportback start at more than £16,000, which may seem pricey for a car in the Ford Focus family hatchback range – but it's worth it

# Audi A3 Sportback's case for downsizing

HOW do you downsize from an executive saloon to do your bit for the environment, while keeping some status and space to cart the family about?

By checking out Audi's rather handsome five-door A3 Sportback.

Prices start at more than £16,000 – pricey for what is essentially a Ford Focus class family hatchback – but not for a car that oozes class from its compact dimensions.

The boot is only slightly bigger than the three-door A3 – not much for an extra £500 and two more doors – but rear passengers will thank you for the extra convenience and accessibility.

Interior fit and finish is top-notch, with key dials and gauges arranged within the arc of the steering wheel; everything you touch feels made to last and works logically and you sense a harmony with the car before you fire up the engine.

This sensation is reinforced on the road; the car is based on the 'firmish' VW Golf chassis,

delivering excellent handling manners with a flat cornering stance, good grip and sharp steering.

Ah, but hang on. If the Audi is derived from the Golf, why not simply save a stack of cash and go for a car that has a decent amount of cachet in its own right?

Fair point, but if you are a premium badge buyer or company car 'user chooser' this car allows you to stay in that status zone and, even though you or your company/leasing firm will pay more up front, the Sportback will be worth more when you hand over the keys.

The A3 is also a car that has the all-important feel-good factor and I was seduced by the test model on this occasion, a near top of the range Sportback 2.0TFSI Quattro S line.

It costs a hefty £25,000, but you get stacks of kit, the turbocharged 197bhp 2.0-litre petrol unit from the Golf GTI and the legendary driver-flattering Quattro all-wheel drive system to help you put that power down.

If the price is a bit rich though, check out the 1.8 TFSI – it starts at £18,585 – you could be downsizing and still having some fun.

## ROAD TEST AUDI A3 SPORTBACK

■ BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★



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**03 (03) HYUNDAI GETS 1.1 GSI** s3 door hatch, stunning diamond black coachwork with contrasting grey fleck trim, low mileage, service history, long MOT, PAS, EW, EM, Original CD  
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**01 (Y) FORD MONDEO 2.0 TURBO DIESEL, ZETEC TDDI** 5 door hatch, stunning light metallic blue with black fleck cloth trim service history, new MOT, PAS, EW, EM, Air con  
**BARGAIN AT £3495**



**04 (54) CHRYSLER PT CRUISER 2.0 CLASSIC**, diamond black coachwork with black velour trim, low mileage (31000), FSH, EW x 4, EM, PAS, a/bags, 1 keeper, alloys  
**£7995**



**05 (55) RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE** VVT 136 **MPV** 5 dr hatch, met, burgundy, ONLY 17000 miles, full history, EW x 4, EM, PAS, air bags, CD, computer, remote locking, alarm, Air con, alloys  
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**99 (V) FORD FOCUS 1.8 LX TURBO DIESEL**, 5 door saloon, met thorn green, 1 owner, service history, recent MOT, Air con, PAS, EW, EM, Air bags, remote central locking/alarm  
**NOW £3495**



**3 (P/P) RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE DCI 120**, Turbo Diesel, 5 door hatchback, beige coachwork with contrasting biscuit half leather sports trim  
**£5495**



**99 (T) LAND ROVER FREELANDER 1.8 SE**, 5 dr, Black coachwork, Grey trim, low miles, new MOT, rd, alarm, E/windows, E/ mirrors, twin a/bags, 4X4, alloys, never taken off road, stunning  
**ONLY £3695**



**01 (Y) PEUGEOT 206 1.1 STYLE 3** door hatch, met green coachwork with green velour trim, low mileage, M/D service history, long MOT, PAS, alarm, Air bags, CD hi-fi  
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**01 (Y) VOLVO V40 1.8 S AUTO ESTATE**, Met Gold, Full service history, only 69000 miles, long MOT/Tax, PAS, EW, EM, remote central locking/alarm, Air con, CD Hi-fi, alloys  
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**00 (W) SAAB 9-5 2.0 CONVERTIBLE**, diamond black, grey leather, full service history, electric pack, remote locking, alarm, Air con, air bags, alloy wheels, hi-fi  
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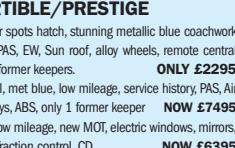
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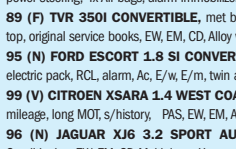
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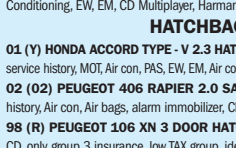
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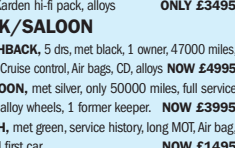
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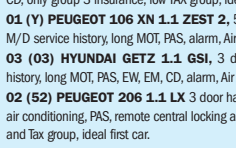
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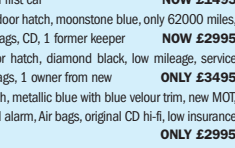
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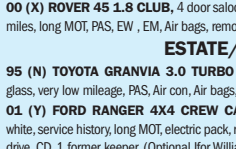
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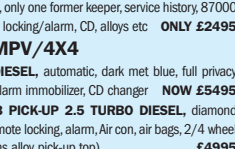
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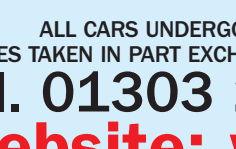
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##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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Quality	★★★★★

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##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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**COOPER**, Pepper 1.6 Auto, 2003, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: automatic no. of doors: 3, pearl black, 38000 miles, £10495, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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**ALTO**, 1.1 GL Hatchback 5dr, 04/2004, power assisted steering alloy wheels fog lights cd player full service history 1061cc 16v, met black, 18000 miles, £3, 995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

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**GOLF**, 2.0i Avantgarden Cabriolet 2d 1984cc, r, lovely car, purple, 75,000 miles, £3200.00, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

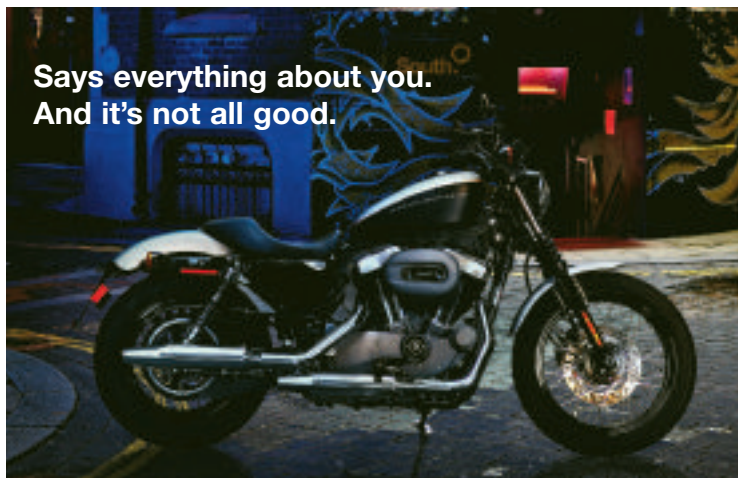
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### Conservation Officer (Policy & Planning)

Salary range £21,806 - £25,872

You will take responsibility for the Trust's work on Local Development Frameworks, major development proposals and other strategically important development issues, where the opportunities are already in place to make real gains for wildlife.

Closing date for applications - 20th March 2008

### Living Landscapes Team Leader

Salary range £21,806 - £28,581

You will be responsible for taking forward the Trust's work on promoting and delivering the restoration of biodiversity at the landscape-scale. The post will have line management responsibilities and will involve co-ordination with other Wildlife Trusts in the South East region.

Closing date for applications - 17th March 2008

### Living Landscapes Project Officer

Salary range £19,096 - £23,161

You will be driving forward the delivery of landscape scale biodiversity restoration projects within identified project areas, bringing together stakeholders, co-ordinating and facilitating the work of project partners, and working to make real change happen on the ground.

Closing date for applications - 17th March 2008

For full details and application form please contact:  
Dot Hughes on 01622 662012  
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If you have a background in any of these areas, or local government procedures then please contact Dave Shore, Community Regeneration Manager on 01303 853459 or [dave.shore@shepway.gov.uk](mailto:dave.shore@shepway.gov.uk) for an informal discussion.

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1st & 2nd March 2008

Howletts and Port Lympne Parks are home to some of the world's most endangered and rare animals. As a charity organisation we rely on the money raised from visitors to our parks to fund our vital animal conservation work.

We are staging recruitment fairs to recruit temporary staff to provide essential extra support during our busy season from March to October.

If you would like to join our dedicated team of staff and help contribute to the work and continuing success of the parks come along to our recruitment open days and find out more about the following seasonal jobs on offer.

We need: retail sales assistants, admissions staff, gardeners and grounds staff, catering staff, safari trailer drivers, chefs & waiting staff, animal presenters and volunteers to help in our dedicated education centres. Experience isn't always necessary, as full training will be provided.

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Excellent interpersonal and communication skills are therefore essential.

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You must be prepared to travel around Canterbury City and the surrounding rural areas and beyond  
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**This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure application to the Criminal Records Bureau.**  
Ref: CFE/o8/0044

Closing date: midday, 28th February 2008.

## Development Officer

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### Shepway Centre, Maidstone

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**This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.**  
Ref: CFE/o8/0055

Closing date: midday, 3rd March 2008.

## Senior Partnership Officer (Naturally Active)

Starting salary £22,268, with progression through contribution related  
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### Fixed Term Contract to November 2010

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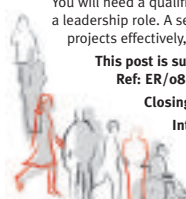
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Ref: ER/o8/0006

Closing date: midday, 3 March 2008.

Interview date: 14 March 2008.

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Closing date: midday, 7 March 2008.

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Closing date: midday, 10 March 2008.

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### Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley

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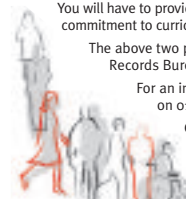
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The above two posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal  
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For informal enquiries please contact Carrie Sanders, Head of Department on +44 (0)1227 782649 or e-mail carolyn.sanders@canterbury.ac.uk  
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Interview date: 10 April 2008.

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Ref: RAD6/AHP/77.

Closing date: 17 March 2008.

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For further information or an informal discussion, please contact Mark Walsh on 01634 336236 or 07789 988165 (mobile).

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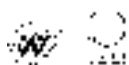
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For an informal discussion relating to job ref. COM0906L, please contact Sohini Patel on 01634 338343 or email sohini.patel@medway.gov.uk

For an informal discussion relating to job ref. COM0907L, please contact Hanife Dacosta on 01634 338456 or email hanife.dacosta@medway.gov.uk

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Grade D2 (NJC points 12–21). Salary £14,492 – £18,430 pro rata. Two hours per week.

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For an informal discussion, please contact Chris Osborne on 01634 338423.

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Any offer of appointment for any of these positions will be subject to a Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.

Closing date for all vacancies: 7 March, 2008.

#### To apply for the positions above

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Any businesses or schools that can donate equipment can contact Ana Smith on 01227 473512 or by emailing [ana@adm-computing.co.uk](mailto:ana@adm-computing.co.uk).

### Employer seminars

LEADING law firm Girlings will hold the first of a series of free breakfast seminars for employers on the subject of disciplinary and grievance procedures at the Hythe Imperial Hotel on March 6.

The seminar, organised in conjunction with Kent Invicta Chamber, will be led by Girlings' employment law specialist Carl Vincent, who will provide employers with practical tips on conducting disciplinary, performance review, grievance and appeal procedures.

The seminar, which includes continental breakfast, takes place from 8am to 9.30am. Seminars will also take place in Broadstairs on March 12; Ashford on March 18; and Canterbury on April 2.

Book online at: [www.kentinvictachamber.co.uk](http://www.kentinvictachamber.co.uk) or via the booking hotline 01233 503838. For more information contact Carl Vincent on 01233 664711 or email [carlvincent@girlings.com](mailto:carlvincent@girlings.com).

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Meet Kent County Council's cabinet member for finance, Nick Chard

# Programme puts teens into careers

■ BY NICK AMES

THE first National Apprenticeship Week was launched this week to encourage more businesses and young people to take up a variety of opportunities.

One hundred and eleven young people have enrolled on the county council's Kent Success Programme – aimed at 16- to 19-year-olds who are looking to learn and gain a qualification while they are working, and who have shown an interest in starting their career within the public sector.

Fifty-two are still currently studying for their apprenticeship qualification.

Of the 37 young people who have completed their qualification, 16 have remained employed by Kent County Council and a further 14 have found permanent jobs with other public or private sector organisations.

The young people are undertaking apprenticeships in childcare, health and social care, customer service, business and administration and catering.

County councillor Mark Dance said: "I'm really enthused by our apprenticeship programme.

"Working in the public sector is challenging but hugely rewarding. We have seen the benefits of apprenticeships and learned a lot over the last two years.

"A model of best practice has been developed to showcase the programme and what has worked within KCC so that employers can implement a similar programme within their organisation."

The development of the Kent Apprenticeship Programme is a target of Towards 2010, a plan which aims to improve the quality of life for Kent's residents.

The target is to provide at least 250 apprenticeship opportunities within KCC itself and 750 in other public and private sector organisations across the county.

It is part of a national scheme which looks set to be a major way to bring young people into the work place and help them develop skills and abilities.

Charlotte Harris, 18, has completed her apprenticeship with KCC and gained employment with the council.

She said: "The apprenticeship programme has benefited me in a whole range of ways. I successfully gained an NVQ Level 2 in Business and Administration, and I now have numerous office skills and extended knowledge of the workplace."



EMPLOYED: Charlotte Harris, 18, successfully gained an NVQ Level 2 in Business and Administration



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# Standen feeling the Blues after contract terminated



EXIT: Dean Standen has left the club after an incident with a fan in the game against Staines Town

DEAN STANDEN'S contract with Margate has been terminated after he left the pitch to confront a fan in last Saturday's 3-1 win over Staines Town.

The midfielder went over to a section of the crowd after the game at Hartsdown Park where he was congratulated by fans, but things turned ugly when he took off his shirt and then left the pitch appearing to have an argument with a Blues supporter.

Margate players ran to see what had happened and player/manager Steve McKimm had to drag Standen back on to the pitch after it seemed he had been heading out of the ground.

After the game, manager Robin

## FOOTBALL

Trott told Yourthanet that he had been told Standen was abused and that was "not acceptable", but it appears the club have come down hard on the Blues player.

Margate chairman Malcolm Rowlett said: "We have taken the step of writing to Dean to tell him we have terminated his contract."

"I do not really know the true facts, but he left the pitch and he can't do that – it is against all rules and regulations."

"You only overhear things that happened, but we are looking into what happened. It is only hear-

say, but it is suspected that he was being abused and he reacted.

"We were all horrified to see what happened. Dean is such a nice chap – then when he gets on the football field he loses his head."

"We have to give him 14 days' notice and then he has seven days to appeal, but as a club we cannot condone that."

"Robin is 100 per cent behind the decision made by the club."

Trott said he was not expecting to be able to replace the midfielder and instead will have to play either Jay Saunders or Kieran Morris as a partner to McKimm in the remaining games of the season.

## Rams reserves close gap on county rivals

RAMSGATE Reserves thrashed Folkestone Invicta's second string 4-0 to go within two points of their rivals at the bottom of Kent League Division One.

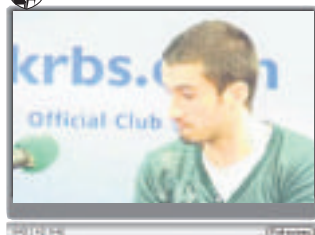
The Rams are second from bottom in the league but are now just two points behind Invicta.

Ramsgate travel to Erith & Belvedere on Saturday, looking to build on their good performance and earn another three points to take them away from trouble at the foot of the league.

Margate Reserves drew 1-1 with Erith & Belvedere at Hartsdown Park, which saw them climb a place to seventh. Gate are home to Sevenoaks Town on Saturday.

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Gills defender John Nutter discusses the club's inter-house table tennis comp

## Taekwondo stars earn gold medals

NINE members of the Ramsgate Taekwondo Olympic Club came back with gold medals from a competition in London.

The Ramsgate club competed at the Interclub Taekwondo event last week and it proved a success for all competitors.

Tomasz Krolak, 26, fought hard against a more experienced opponent and managed to achieve gold.

Sarah Scott, 31, and her son Corey Scott, 10, both fought well and both won well-deserved gold medals.

Marcin Chlebny, 11, and 10-year-old Connor Dixon also won gold medals in their first competitions, showing they have what it takes to be successful in the sport.

Eight-year-old Ellis Humphries showed his bravery as he went on to pick up a gold in his first fight, and it was the same for Magdalena Grela.

Katarzyna Grela, 12, and Jakub Grela, 10, fought in the advanced group and they both won against older and more experienced fighters.

Leszek Grela, the club's instructor, said: "I'm very happy for all my pupils – they gave their very best."

# Trott: We should have gone on to win the game

## FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

### Hendon 1 Margate 1

MARGATE were left to count the cost of refereeing decisions as they were denied a penalty and had a goal chalked off in a vital game against play-off rivals Hendon.

The Blues had the first chance of the game at a blustery Claremont Road, but striker Rob Haworth was unable to keep his shot down and it ballooned over the bar.

Leading scorer James Pinnock had a chance to give his side the lead after 35 minutes, but his effort was saved by Luke Blackmore in the Hendon goal.

The home side opened their account three minutes later when Danny Dyer beat Ricardo Josephs on the right and spotting Scott Chalmers-Stevens off his line, sent a lob from 25-yards into the net.

In the second half the Blues came out with more purpose and equalised in the 62nd minute.

Jimmy Jackson sent a ball across the goal and the Hendon keeper could only parry it into the path of Ryan Martin who scored from close range. From then on, the Blues dominated the game but couldn't find a winner.

Midfielder Jay Saunders then headed the ball into the net only minutes later, but the goal was disallowed by the referee for an alleged push by Saunders – much to the annoyance of Blues boss Robin Trott.

He said after the game: "It was a game of two halves really. In the first half they got a goal and we didn't create too many chances."

"In the second half we came out a lot better and got a goal and to be fair we should have gone on to win the game."

"Jay Saunders should have got a goal but that was ruled out by the referee and then there was a blatant hand ball just before the end that wasn't given for us."

"In the first half we just didn't come out and it was a case again of going in at half-time and me and Steve McKimm laying down what we wanted. We came out second half much the better side but we should have been like that in the first half."

"It is hard to play in the conditions we had, with the wind and pitch, it didn't make it easy. We have not had a lot of luck with results against Hendon in the past."

"Ryan Martin scored a well worked goal for



TOO HIGH, TOO FAR: Blues striker Rob Haworth had a chance to score an early goal against one of his former clubs, but his effort went soaring high over the bar

Picture: IGOR KUPCO

us in the second half and we had a few chances in the second half and their keeper did well to be honest, he kept them in the game. I am happy with a point, but with the handball and

Jay's effort, we could have got more out of it." • Margate travelled to high-flying AFC Wimbledon last night. For a report and reaction, visit [www.yourthanet.co.uk](http://www.yourthanet.co.uk).



# Rams fail to profit from an early lead

## FOOTBALL

BY YOURTHANET REPORTER

### Ramsgate 2 Wealdstone 2

RAMSGATE boss Jim Ward conceded it was two points dropped after watching his side fail to close out a game at the Southwood Stadium for the third game in a row.

The Rams raced into a two goal lead in the first 20 minutes with goals from Warren Schulz and Lenny Piper.

However, the away side refused to buckle and got back into the game with a wonder goal from Liam Henderson in the 19th minute, and were back on level terms seven minutes before the interval through Lee Chappell.

Ramsgate goalkeeper Paul Wilkerson was sent off when he tried to break up an incident after the final whistle.

Rams boss Jim Ward said: "I think our performance was OK and at the start of the first half we were really good. They scored a great goal to make it 2-1 and then got a soft second goal from our point of view to equalise. We just can't seem to kill teams off at the moment."

"It is two points dropped without a doubt and I was disappointed to be in front and then not go on to win."

The Rams have dropped to eighth in the Ryman Premier and three points from a play-off place. However, with a semi-final against Walton Casuals next Tuesday, Ward insists there is still lots to play for.

He said: "We have the semi-final of the Ryman Cup and we look forward to trying to get ourselves into a cup final and into a play-off place at the end of the season."

Ward is hopeful new signing Aaron Firth will be available for the cup game after over-



**EARLY LEAD:** Ramsgate skipper Warren Schulz gave his side a second-minute lead but it was not enough to earn the Rams all three points on Saturday  
Picture PHIL HOUGHTON

coming a knee injury and the Rams boss also hopes to tie up a deal for a League One striker this week.

He said: "I am trying to get a striker out of Millwall but he is also injured at the moment but we hope to tie something up this week. I do

need a forward."

Defender Will Graham has joined Kent League title chasers Hythe Town on loan.

The Rams were in action away to Tonbridge Angels last night. For a report and reaction, visit [www.yourthanet.co.uk](http://www.yourthanet.co.uk).



**TOUGH TASK:** Cliftonville managed to earn a point after being reduced to nine men  
Picture IGOR KUPCO

## HOCKEY

### Cliftonville 1 Bexley Invicta 1

## Ville earn point after going down to nine men against Bexley

VILLE held league leaders Bexley Invicta to a draw at St Lawrence College on Saturday.

It was always going to be a challenging match against the table toppers and at one stage Ville were playing with only nine men.

The game started with Ville dominating a lot of the play, but they suffered a set-back when Rob Maser was shown a green card.

However, Ville didn't let it affect them and went on to open the scoring. The home side put together some quick passes for Tony Burton to push the ball into the goal from a short distance.

The team talk at half-time was positive as the home side had played well, but the simple fact remained that if Ville wanted to receive anything from the game, they would have put effort in for the 35 minutes of the second half.

As the game started up again it was clear that Bexley had stepped up a gear and by putting passers together they made Ville's midfield look very static.

At the start of the second half, Ville lost James Perks to a yellow card for descent as he was unhappy with an umpiring decision.

The game turned scrappy and words were exchanged between umpire and players on different occasions killing the flow of the game. Unfortunately words were exchanged between Perks and the umpire again, leading to a red card.

With 20 minutes left, Bexley equalised in a strange turn of events. The ball was played in from a penalty corner outside of the D and the ball was then lifted into Rob Maser's knee and onto the foot of an opposition player, but the umpire failed to see it. The ball was switched in the D and goalkeeper Paul McNally was unable to prevent a goal.

Ville defended hard for the remainder of the game and managed to cling on for a well deserved point.

# Albion beat Fascias to sit top of the pile

## SUNDAY LEAGUE

ALBION Athletic kept up their fine form in the Thanet and District Sunday League with a 5-1 hammering of Thanet Fascias at Birchington.

The win ensures they remain top of the Premier Division, but their lead is down to just a point after Birchington Utd Services Club beat AC Sharpys to keep up the pressure in second spot. However, Albion still have two games in hand on their rivals.

The biggest score of the weekend went to South Eastern who hammered bottom side Athletic Port & Anchor 15-0 at Jackey Bakers.

Elsewhere, Birchington Top Club beat St Lukes 1-0 courtesy of a Neil Baxter strike, while an own goal earned Dolphins a point against fourth-placed Lloyds-McCarthy. Active inflicted an 11th defeat on Northwood-Dormans as the sixth-placed side ran out 3-0 winners.

In Division One, league leaders Payreness Hotel continued their pursuit

for the title with a narrow 2-1 against Cramptons at Northdown Park. It ensures they are eight points clear at the top of the division. However, AFC Ramsgate kept up the pressure after a 2-0 win at Jackey Bakers against FC Thanet United. AFC have two games in hand on the leaders and could snatch promotion to the Premier Division.

Ben Thompson and Paul Fennell hit the goals for Generation Sport as they overcame The Westbrook Club 2-1, while Barnaby inflicted a 4-0 defeat on Mirage.

It goes from bad to worse for Preston Hellings who were beaten 3-0 at Bell Inn, which leaves them stranded at the bottom of Division One.

Division Two leaders Nottingham Castle narrowly beat Hotel de Ville 3-2 at Garlinge to go eight points clear of Ramsgate Rangers who could only muster a 0-0 draw at Lesters.

Port & Anchor drew 1-1 with Mulberry Tree, while Social thrashed Pfizers 8-1. There was also a win for Saunders, who beat Red Arrow Goldney 7-0 and Prestige Insurance drew 2-2 with 180 United.



**NO STOPPING:** Albion Athletic are in hot pursuit of the Premier Division title

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